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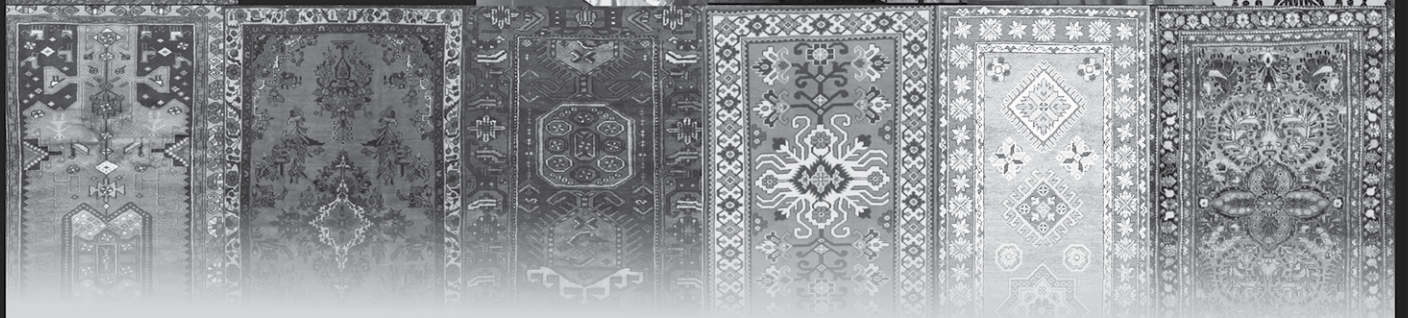
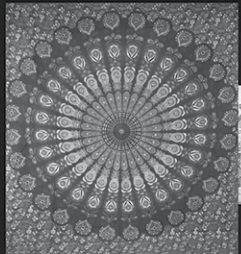
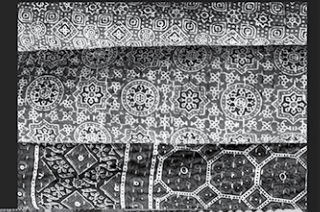
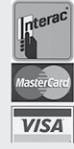
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FROM OUR PRESIDENT

There's something very special about living in a rural community. Oh, there are drawbacks, and I bet we could all name at least five without even pausing to think. But when I hear a visitor say, "You are so lucky to live here," I see my community with fresh eyes, and I think Yes. Yes, I am.

I am sure it stems from early days when people in remote spots were forced to help each other for their very survival. They had their differences, their conflicts and frustrations with one another, but in a crisis, people came together with help, support, and compassion. We are seeing it in present day rural Alberta, BC, Quebec, and Nova Scotia as wildfires rage and threaten farms and small communities. In a crisis, petty irritations are set aside and we focus on what is essential for the well-being of the community.

And on Pender, I see that spirit of community in action, and not just in times of crisis. Sometimes it is impossible to miss, such as the work put in by our First Responders, by our Emergency Preparedness volunteers, by those who work to keep our community safe. Sometimes a little less obvious, like the many volunteers who spend hours in meetings, on committees, and organizing programs, often unseen by the community benefiting from their work. And some actions might seem tiny, almost insignificant - offering a ride to a young person waiting at the car stop, weed-whacking the neighbour's road allowance, answering someone's plea on Facebook with "Oh, I have one of those; you can have it." I see those tiny actions every day, and they remind me that yes, I am lucky to live here.

Annie Smith

COVER PHOTO

The photo of a Cockerell's doris on Peter's Cove by Karolle Wall. For more information on this colourful animal please see our Cover Story on page 49.

APOLOGY

Thank you to the many sharp-eyed readers who pointed out to us that Marti Tilley's name had been inadvertently changed to "Martin" in the article from Canadian Power and Sail last month. We meant no disrespect to Marti's memory - she still holds a place in Pender's heart, especially for her boundless work with students in what is now named the Marti Tilley Grade 9 Boating Program. Please accept our apologies.

PENDER POST JEAN BRADLEY SCHOLASTIC GIFT

To celebrate the volunteer work of Jean Bradley over five decades, the Pender Post Society is offering a \$500 scholastic gift to be used for studies related to healthcare.

This gift is available to Pender Island residents who are new graduates, or to those who are returning for career training.

Application forms at Dockside Realty in The Pender Post file folder and on our Facebook Page

Application deadline: July 15.

To those interested in pursuing a career in healthcare:

It was recently brought to my attention that the Pender Post Society has not received any applicants for this year for the Jean Bradley Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship is intended to support Pender-affiliated individuals that are pursuing education related to a healthcare career. I was lucky to receive this scholarship three times during my post-secondary education, which I am very grateful for! I recently graduated from nursing school, currently work as a Registered Nurse on an orthopaedics floor, and will begin my emergency nursing specialty training in September.

I am writing to encourage any Pender youth that might be considering pursuing a similar career. During my high school years, I was rarely exposed to healthcare careers and as such, didn't even consider going in that direction until finishing three years of undergraduate studies. If this resonates with you, I highly recommend doing a bit of research into the many career options that are available within the healthcare field. At present,

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a large number of these careers are in high demand - which, in my experience, makes it feel like the 'world is your oyster' once you graduate and enter the workplace. If you're looking for a great work/life balance, a way to make a tangible difference in peoples' lives, and an intellectually stimulating career, I recommend looking into healthcare. I'm very fresh to the field, but so far it has been nothing but positive.

The above advice also applies to Penderites who might not identify as 'youth', as I phrased it. Many of my nursing school peers were pursuing their second or third careers, and quite a few had their fair share of grey hairs. Life experience goes a long way when it comes to relating to our patients, and admissions teams understand this.

Those are my two cents - I hope that someone reading this feels encouraged to apply for a healthcare program, and in turn, apply for the Jean Bradley Memorial Scholarship. Many thanks to *The Pender Post* for supporting me over the years, and for facilitating this great opportunity in memory of Mrs. Bradley.

Keenan Nowak, RN

Call for Volunteers

The Pender Post Society is looking for new volunteer board members!

Board members attend monthly meetings, share thoughts about issues that arise, and participate in other tasks, such as proofreading or ensuring monthly columns from clubs you belong to.

If this sounds appealing, we would love to connect with you.

Contact our Secretary, Jan Wallace, at secretary@penderpost.org

The Pender Post

SPECIAL NOTICES



Labyrinth Day

Did you know that Pender Island has a strong connection to the Chartres Cathedral in France? In 2017, the community of Pender Island built a large labyrinth on the grounds of St Peter's Anglican Church. Labyrinths are an ancient spiritual and meditation tool and most often are circular paths leading into a centre point and back out again. The one at St Peter's is 50 feet in diameter and accessible to all with its generous pathways and embedded cement blocks.

With many people moving to Pender Island in the last couple of years, and now with summer visitors arriving and many activities taking place, members of St Peter's Parish would love for you to visit our labyrinth. Perhaps you've been there before, or you have a regular practice of walking it ... or maybe you didn't even know it exists? In any case, we have decided to hold a "Labyrinth Day" on Saturday, July 8, from noon to 2 pm. There will be refreshments, fellowship, and people to talk to about the labyrinth. But, of course it is always "open" and you are welcome anytime!

St Peter's Anglican Church and Labyrinth is located at 4703 Canal Road on North Pender.

Susan Mark

Terry Fox Run

Call for Volunteers

This year Pender Islands' Terry Fox Run is scheduled for Sunday, September 17. This is a family/pet friendly event in the community for a very worthy cause! In order for the event to run smoothly a lot of volunteers come together to do many jobs. A job could be as simple as putting up lawn signs a few weeks in advance of the event, picking up donated water and pumps from Old Victoria Water on Keating Crossroad after your Costco run, or registering folks on the day of the event. Do you think you might be able to help out in some way? Message me on Facebook or email me at yo_betty43@shaw.ca. Many hands make light work and every little bit helps.

You can pre-register yourself for the run at www.terryfox.org.

Cathy Nealy



Congratulations Class of 2023!

The Pender Post is proud to feature our newest group of graduation students.

Read on to learn about these young people as they consider their next steps. →



Jaxon Budnyk

My favorite school experience would have to be my Grade 12 year, as this year was probably my most fun in general.

I'm going to be honest. I wasn't really involved in programs because I never had the time to participate in them because I live on Pender.

Next year I plan to work my butt off and save up, so I can hopefully go to New Zealand for my University studies.

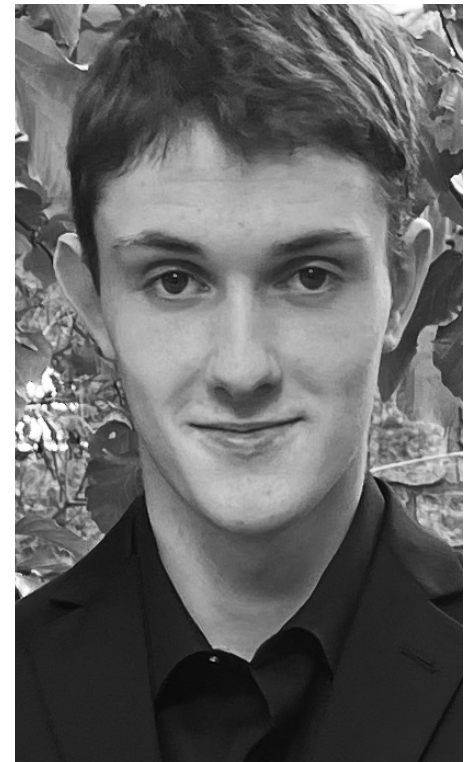


Annika Fleming

My favourite high school experience was staying overnight on Salt Spring after school with my friends, and swimming in the lake on sunny days.

I was a part of the leadership program throughout grade 11 and 12 and took part in GISS dance shows in grade 9 and 10. Outside of school I like to play music with the Pender Young Violins, work at the HUB, and hang out with my friends.

Next year, I'm taking a gap year where I will work, travel, and get some life experiences before going to university the following September to study social science.



Seth Garlick

My favourite school experience was being in Mr. Duncan's class. I was a part of dance at GISS. I plan to go to Camosun next school year and take science.

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Sitka Honan Smith

I went to GISS for grades 9, 10, and 12. For grade 11, I attended the SEEC program on Saturna Island and it was the best school year of my life. I made a close knit group of friends, got to spend plenty of time in nature, and made memories that will hopefully last me my lifetime. Next year I plan to work, relax, learn how to use a barbecue, move my entire life into a garage, and crack a cold one with the boys.



Shinta Kikuchi

My favourite experiences were small but memorable moments such as watching soccer with my teacher at lunch, beating the beep test record, and watching the Orcas from the water taxi. And big moments such as going to provincials with the senior boys soccer team and going to provincials for track and field.

I was a part of the junior boys soccer team, the senior boys soccer team, the track team, and wheelchair basketball.

Next year, I plan to go to UVic to pursue a Bachelor of Commerce degree with a full scholarship. I also plan to continue playing soccer on the Vikes team. I am so excited for what the new chapter holds, and am so grateful for all the support and encouragement from the community!



Cedar Lopatecki

My favourite school experience was our whole time at Artspring for the GISPA show *A Wrinkle In Time*, and hanging out with the GISPA crew.

I was a part of GISPA Music, Choir, and the Jazz Band.

Next year, I plan to stay on Pender for my gap year to write, record, and release my debut solo album, as well as finish off and release my band Poison Tree's first album *The Unfold*.

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Maeve Lupine

My favourite school experience was meeting all my friends and taking interesting classes. I appreciated all the school events like pride parades and other fun events.

I was a part of the Phoenix culinary program.

Next year I plan to move to Vic and get a job in the culinary arts field.



Grace Parker

My favourite school experience was talking with my teacher about *Outlander*.

I was part of Pender Island Solstice Theatre acting in two pantomimes, *Aladdin* and *Treasure Island*.

Next year I plan to continue working in the bookstore so I can save enough money to move to a remote location where I plan to work on my novel.



Matthew Pohl

My favourite school experience was being in my independent-directed study of organic chemistry. I learned about reactions in organic chemistry and started developing the skills required to predict reaction mechanisms and design procedures. I synthesized compounds such as dibenzalacetone, piperidine, chlorobutanol, and benzyl chloride. In this IDS, I focused primarily on the ubiquitous carbonyl group.

I was a part of the GISS Earth Club.

Next year I plan to study chemistry at UVic.

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Ki Shirk

My favourite high school experience was riding the water taxi rides with friends.

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Missing: Kieran McDougall

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I am deeply concerned about the health and wellbeing of the Salish Sea.

The Government of Canada has proven to be incapable of managing our marine environment. It's unlikely their intention, but together Environment Canada, Transport Canada, and Department of Fisheries and Oceans are successfully overseeing the demise of the WSÁNEĆ territory. Only Parks Canada has recently shown a desire for improvement, transforming episodic consultations into actual relationship building.

One of the first big issues I confronted as a Councillor in the District of Central Saanich in 2008 was the multi-jurisdictional swamp that governs the waters around our communities. The province owns the land below the water, and they grant limited power to municipalities to make "land" use decisions. The federal government controls the surface and the water column. First Nations have unrealized inherent rights and jurisdiction. It's a total mess that often results in finger-pointing and administrative gridlock.

The result of the dysfunctional relationships is evident. The WSÁNEĆ territory once bubbled with wild Pacific salmon and herring, and the beaches were alive with shellfish. In about 100 years, federal government policy empowered industrial resource harvesting practices that reduced stocks to near extinction. Provincial government policy enabled industrial logging practices, destroying the creeks and streams in the interior of the province. Local governments zoned industrial, commercial, agricultural, and residential development, choking the rivers and shorelines. The cumulative impact of all the decisions has had devastating consequences for the biodiversity of the Salish Sea.

Federal policy is attempting to minimize the noise of large vessels to protect the endangered KOLLELOMEĆEN (Southern Resident Killer Whales)

who are thankfully also free from the near constant harassment of the whale watchers. However, the federal effort concentrates attention on the other families of KELLELOMEĆEN (transient and outside Orcas), who aren't so lucky; they are relentlessly chased and distressed while foraging and raising their young.

The federal government continues to lay waste to the territory, approving the Roberts Bank Terminal 2 container port expansion proposed by the Vancouver-Fraser Port Authority, and also attempting to shift power of anchorage decisions in the Southern Gulf Islands from Transport Canada to the port. Transport Canada's consultations are more appropriately characterized as notifications, with inherent Indigenous rights all but invisible to federal bureaucrats who maintain total control of the information and process as they rush to the approval of their predetermined outcome.

At the same time as Transport Canada is pretending the port will do a better job of managing the movement of large vessels, they are simultaneously demonstrating total incompetence in managing and enforcing their own regulations for mooring buoys for small vessels. As access to stable housing is increasingly difficult, naturally more people are living on boats in the sheltered bays and inlets near the services. Enforcement of mooring buoy and holding tank regulations is non-existent on our coast leading to a proliferation of pollution and community conflict.

We are not on a good course. The federal government has ignored my pleas, and the pleas of my colleagues of all political stripes from federal, provincial, local and First Nations governments. We receive the Minister's responses reassuring us that all is well. We know that is far from the case, and that we are in desperate need for a new marine management regime on the South Coast of British Columbia.

Adam Olsen, MLA



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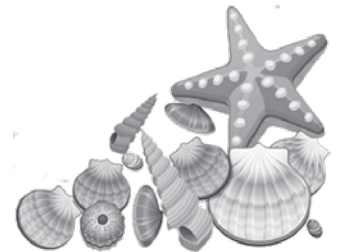


Thank-you so much Pender!

The Pender Island Young Violins would like to give a very heartfelt thank-you to everyone on Pender Island and beyond who have all so generously supported and made possible their journey to the Kaustinen Folk Music Festival in Finland. It has been so amazing for the kids to grow up on Pender surrounded by music, musicians, and supporters of music like you. The Pender community nurtured them when they were tiny violinists and kept supporting them as they grew into the musicians they are today - you are all so amazing! Denny and the kids leave on July 10 and until then they will be perfecting their set list, performing at the Campbell Bay Music Festival, finishing the school year (congratulation

to graduates Annika and Cedar), and getting everything in order for their trip. If you are interested in following their journey, we will be posting highlights of their trip, and hopefully a live performance from the Kaustinen Festival, on their social media pages.

*Tina Christensen,
The Pender Island Young
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Audrey and Jim Dunn (with Reggie the dog) in happier times]

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing, on April 15th, of Audrey L Dunn, beloved wife of the late Jim Dunn, devoted mother of Jeanne and Eric, cherished grandmother of Nancy (Andrew), Malcolm (Alison), and Owen and great-grandmother of twins William and James. She is survived by her sister, Shirley Reid.

Audrey was born on March 28, 1927 in Vancouver, BC. Audrey and Jim fell in love with Pender Island in the early 1960s, and had lived full-time at Otter Bay since 1976. She was a talented artist and avid gardener who was passionate about her hobbies and was a founding member of the flower group. Audrey enjoyed island life, where she and Jim worked hard on their vegetable and flower gardens, winning numerous prizes at the Fall Fair.

The family would like to thank the Pender Island Medical Clinic and particularly home-care heroines Lorraine and Rachel for all the wonderful help they gave to Mum. Many thanks to Diana for her care and help for the past year and a half. Thanks also to Jason and Marie for their continuing help and care for the house and garden. She was so happy to be able to stay in her home right up to the last.

Audrey will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her; she will be remembered as a kind and generous spirit who was always there for her family and friends. She will be cremated and interred (private ceremony) in the Pender Island Cemetery beside her husband Jim. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Pender Island Medical Clinic in her memory.

Eric Dunn



Swimmer's Itch

Swimmer's itch is a rash caused by an allergic reaction to the larvae of certain parasites. The parasites can get under your skin when you swim in freshwater (such as lakes and ponds) and sometimes salt water.

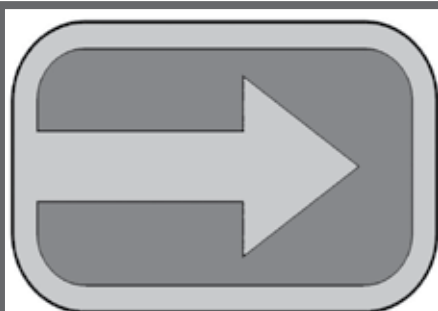
The tiny parasites infect birds or mammals and lay eggs. Bird and mammal droppings that contain the eggs get into lakes and ponds. The eggs hatch into larvae where they look for a host. If they come in contact with people, the parasites can burrow under the skin. This causes an allergic reaction and a rash. Pimples may show up minutes or even days after you were in the water, and may later turn into blisters.

The rash usually goes away on its own. To prevent swimmer's itch, shower and scrub, or dry yourself off with a towel as soon as you get out of the water.

To treat the itching at home, you can put cool wet cloths (compresses) on your skin, use anti-itch creams or calamine lotion, add a handful of oatmeal (ground to a powder) to a cool bath or use Aveeno bath or lotion. Benadryl tablets can also help with itch and sleep.

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I would like to take this opportunity to thank Marie Dion for taking care of the Pender Post articles in the past years; as everyone knows, it's extremely hard to find people to volunteer for jobs in the groups that are active on Pender. Marie's time and energy in this role will be missed. Marie continues to play the snare drum in the Pipe Band and for that she is much appreciated.

Our next performance will be on Saturday, July 1, 10:30 am Canada Day. We will be joining Branch 239 of the Royal Canadian Legion for a Canada Day Celebration that hasn't happened since 2019 due to COVID restrictions. Look for us at the Driftwood Center.

On Saturday, July 15 come join in for our 15th annual Car and Motorcycle Show and Shine. Tractors and anything else with wheels are welcome. It starts with a parade of entries from Port Browning Pub at 10:45 am to the Pender Island Community Hall entrance. Just follow the leader. Entries can also arrive at the field earlier if they wish.

The event is at the Jim Dunlop Memorial Field behind the Community Hall, a beautiful spot located on Karl Hamson's property.

There is no entry fee for owners to show their vehicles. We do have a donation jar for support of the Pender Island Celtic Music Society if you would like to donate.

Of course we have a beer garden and hot dogs if you are hungry! The Pipe Band will play on the hour a set of tunes to add to the fun day. The Show and Shine runs from 11 am to 3 pm.

Larry Dempster P/M

Pender Island Community Choir

The spring choir session was so successful, we are all looking forward to the fall/winter/Christmas session beginning in September. Sabrina has a plan for a really inspiring concert and we are all looking forward to realizing her vision. Please watch for further information regarding registration and concert dates in the August Pender Post and on Pender Facebook pages.

As mentioned before, this is a non-audition choir. No musical experience is necessary and it is definitely not necessary to read music as Sabrina records each of the parts and many singers learn the music this way. So, we hope you'll consider joining us in September!

Choristers, return any music you have to the Community Choir folder in the box at Dockside, Driftwood.

Happy Canada Day - we are so thankful we live in this awesome country. Sing a Gordon Lightfoot song in celebration.

*Terry Shepherd,
Communications Liaison*

Pender Island Concert Society

The Board of the Concert Society is pleased to communicate we have fleshed out the upcoming season to a full calendar of four performances which we hope will resonate with our audiences.

Coming up Saturday August 19 at 2:00 pm we are excited to welcome Island Chamber Winds conducted by Pender's own Ben Litzcke. This performance features Victoria musicians from a variety of backgrounds. Ben has put together a programme featuring six composers (all but one currently alive and composing) from five different countries. Ben says, "I want to reach out to audiences that might not normally attend classical music concerts and give them something new to listen to - music that is relevant to the world we live in, music that highlights voices

and ideas we may not normally hear. I want to invite listeners to suspend their skepticism of new music and open their ears to something different."

Along with Trio Fibonacci in October and Adam Cicchillitti and Steve Cowan next April, we are again so pleased that Lester Quitzau will team up with Matthew Hinton to give us a performance on Sunday, February 11 at 2 pm. Both Lester and Matthew are well-known Pender Island musicians (Lester on guitar and Matthew on piano) of first-class calibre.

Elsewhere in this edition of *The Pender Post* you will come across our ticket subscription form. Is there anywhere else you can get four concerts for \$75.00? The subscription tickets are flexible. One subscription buys four concerts for one individual, or two concerts for two people. Subscription forms are also available at Talisman Books and Gallery.

Subscription tickets are a good deal (single tickets cost \$25.00) and they also enable the Society to plan and budget with confidence. We urge you to consider making this purchase.

As we crept our way out of the pandemic, our old concert location at the school auditorium became unavailable for public use. Our new location at the Community Hall is more intimate with better acoustics. However, our maximum audience is lower. This means that despite good audiences, we are not bringing in quite enough money to be sustainable over the longer run. The Concert Society has been providing entertainment for islanders for about thirty years now and we do want to continue with affordable pricing.

To help support the Society we rely on grants from several sources as well as from ever generous island businesses and individuals who sometimes donate anonymously. We welcome your financial support and look forward to seeing you at our first concert in August.

Jon Heaney, Chair



Donna Smyth presents Heather Duncan with flowers in appreciation of her leadership

Pender Island Quilters' Circle

Hands Across the Water



Our culminating event for the year was the *Hands Across the Water* (HAW) gathering we hosted on June 12. Quilters from Mayne Island, Galiano Island, and Cowichan Valley (Duncan), and our own members of Pender Island's Quilters' Circle responded to the invitation. We started planning last fall and the highly successful experience of the day gave us enjoyment and satisfaction. The event included:

- Morning tea ready for guests as they arrived (8:00 - 9:00 am)
- Fabric sales (TLC Fibre Arts, Victoria)
- Show and share - members from each guild shared group and individual projects; every quilt has a story
- Draws for prizes - everyone went home with at least one prize; the grand prize was a quilt for "Guess the number of spools in the jar". Janice/Susan/Margaret did an amazing job of acquiring gifts associated with quilting

- Table gifts - fabric bowls (made by Quilters' Circle members) and flowers
- Lunch - delicious and enticingly presented sandwiches and salad catered by Mark Tremblett (Gwailo)
- Wall-to-wall displays of quilts and quilted clothing created by PI Quilters' Circle members, included a historic quilt loaned by the museum, beautiful table décor
- Passing of the HAW banner to Mayne Island which will host the event next year
- Lots of visiting (chatter and laughter)

We heartily thank all of our members (including friends and family) for helping with this event. Special mention goes to our key planners Heather Duncan (President, host for the day), Donna Smyth (Treasurer, tea and lunch arrangements) and Karen Gagnier (President-Elect, name tags and seating arrangements). Other key contributors were: table décor (Jeannine Anstee and Karen Watson), quilt displays (directed by Eleanor Heslop), prizes (Janice Erno, Margaret Vergette, Susan Underhill). We

greatly appreciate the contributions of all our members which included fabric bowls, quilts for display, help with set up and clean up, baked goods for tea and dessert, and donations for prizes. We also thank St. Peter's Anglican Church for the venue.

The value of the gathering is the opportunity to connect with others who are passionate about quilting, the inspiration of the many creations on display, and the sharing of quilting stories and adventures. Good food and fabric for sale are essential components of a joyful experience.

We will take a summer hiatus but are already thinking of our fall Quilters' Circle program and will provide an update in the September issue and an introduction to our new Executive.

Next meeting: Monday, September 11, 9:30 am, St. Peter's Anglican Church Hall

Quilter's Philosophy: While quilting is often a solitary reflective and creative activity there is much joy in gathering, sharing, and celebrating. We wish for you a summer where you are able to pursue your passions individually and collectively and appreciate each precious day.

Laura Vilness



Donna Smyth, Heather Duncan and Janet Ellis are ready to serve morning tea

PIJazz

What an absolute joy it is to be a part of our jazz band this 2022/2023 season. When we started the band in the early cretaceous period, our stated goal was to play something resembling big band jazz... maybe... if we could. Much to everyone's surprise, it worked!

Years go by and the band quickly passed through 'acceptable' and 'weirdly entertaining', landing squarely in the 'quite a great deal of fun' category. I can proudly say that this band swings very, very hard.

While it's ridiculous amounts of fun to groove away with style for hours at a time, often on fabulous arrangements that nobody else on earth plays, we occasionally remember the rough-and-ready days when folks blew the spiders out of instruments left fallow since high school and we fumblemucked our way through tunes hunting the elusive groove.

Let me take this opportunity to thank the many folks who have played in



PIJazz over the years, put up with our practising, survived the premiere of my arrangement of Oh Canada (sorry, Canada), and turned out to dance and enjoy the company of our family, friends, and respected island personalities.

Thank you to all who have come out to our six performances this year, and a huge thanks to Pender Island Parks and Recreation and Ptarmigan Arts for the support. It takes a village to raise the roof!

We will be back at it in September, rehearsing at the Anglican Hall and

planning gigs through the year. If you've been looking at that trumpet or trombone in the closet, fondly remembering musical shenanigans from years past, talk to us! We'd love to play with you.

*Bryce Woolcombe,
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Ptarmigan Arts



There are so many fun events coming up this summer! As you can imagine, there is a lot of behind the scenes work that goes into every one of these workshops, events, and camps. If you are interested in lending a hand to help make these events happen we would love to have you volunteer. We are currently looking for help at the Mosaic Festival and Art in the Orchard. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact us by emailing intern@ptarmiganarts.org. We are also happy to announce that we are running a barbecue at this year's Mosaic Festival. If you could support us by choosing Ptarmigan as the organisation to put your spirit dollars towards at Tru Value, that would be a great way to help make this part of the Festival happen.

Block Printing Workshop

We are excited to have Stefani Williams of OMDL Coastal back for another block printing workshop on July 12 from 6 - 9 pm at the Pender Community Hall. During this workshop you will receive instruction and hands on experience for making linocut prints while designing your own print to go on a tote bag or tea towel. You will get to take your tools home so you can continue to explore printmaking on your own. The workshop will begin with a brief introduction to the linocut method of printmaking, along with a demo, then proceed into instruction. Stefani will be available for the entire class to offer her own helpful tips and tricks of the trade. This workshop is for ages 14 and up and costs \$85/person which includes tools, ink, and tote bag or tea towel. Register and get all the information on our website.

Camp Create

There are a few spaces left for our two weeks of Camp Create this summer at Hope Bay. The first week is for ages 6-9, running July 17-21 from 10 am - 4 pm and the second week is for ages 10-12, running August 14-18. Campers will work with clay, paint, collage, and expand their artistic horizons with Ilse Philips in the morning, and then write music, jam with each other, and

learn songs with Ben McConchie in the afternoon. The cost is \$210, which includes materials, and we offer a \$50 sibling discount. Subsidies are available; please contact us for more information. Register and get all the information on our website.



Art in the Orchard

Art in the Orchard, hosted by Eve Pollard and Margaret Alpen, is happening on Saturday, July 22 at Corbett House from 10 am to 4 pm. Get ready for a wonderful day of local art, music, tea and cookies, and kids' activities in an idyllic orchard setting. We are looking for folks to help with setup, teardown, and parking. Please contact us by emailing intern@ptarmiganarts.org if you would like to lend a hand to this wonderful community event. We are excited for a great lineup of musicians to play as you enjoy all the art: 10:45-11:45 Maddie Glover, 12-1pm Slo Cookin', 1:15-2:15pm Adam Dobres, and Deer & Coyote 2:30-3:30pm.

Band Camp

Registration is open for Band Camp running August 29 to September 1st from 9 am to 5 pm (9 am - 1 pm on September 1) at the Pender Community Hall. Join facilitators Sarah Smith, Adam Dobres, Sabrina Read, and Dan Weeks for three and a half days of jamming, music mentorship, and performances. Campers select their role as either bass player, guitarist, pianist, drummer, or vocalist for the week. Each day, campers will get to learn a song with their band, have masterclasses to learn their instrument with one of our musical mentors and share the day's activities with the rest of the campers in an evening performance. On the last day there will be a showcase at the Friday Community Gathering. Band Camp is open to all ages 12 and up (adults, don't be shy to sign up) and all skill levels of musicians. The camp costs \$350/person and subsidies are available. Register and get all the information on our website.



We are one month away from the Mosaic Arts & Culture Festival at Hope Bay. Along with an incredible lineup of live music August 4 - 6, we have free activities to be enjoyed by everyone in the afternoons. Do you want to get your face painted as a butterfly? Build and bedazzle your very own wooden boat? Explore the beach while completing a scavenger hunt? Or learn about the life cycle of a salmon in Kiki the Eco Elf's giant blow up salmon? If you do, then head down to Hope Bay on August 5 and 6 to enjoy all the festival fun. Stick around for the evening concerts afterwards; tickets are available at mosaicfestival.com where you can find individual and family weekend passes, and evening tickets. If tickets are not in the budget this year, consider volunteering; get involved by emailing intern@ptarmiganarts.org.



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Bi-weekly Creators Roundtable

Join Alice Karolina for bi-weekly Creators Roundtables on Tuesdays at the Ptarmigan Arts Gallery from 5 - 6 pm. Connect with other creators while discussing and sharing the artistic process. Each meeting is themed around a different aspect of the creative journey; be it the craft itself, the business of it, or the inevitable emotions that show up. For more information and to RSVP head to our website. \$5 donation suggested.

Stoney Pocket Presents: Get Back Unplugged

On July 27 from 7 - 9 pm, join us for *Get Back Unplugged*, an outdoor Beatles tribute concert at Stoney Pocket, 2200 Clam Bay Road. Bringing together six stellar singers and players who, between them, have straddled the worlds of folk, Celtic, blues, jazz, and classical music, this intimate and fun performance does not try to imitate the Fab Four, but rather seeks to present interpretations that are authentic to the musicians' own unique voices. While they revere and respect the spirit of these classics, the group embodies the kind of playful, creative energy that the Beatles display in the studio, even occasionally alluding to other genres such as fiddle music, gypsy jazz, and classical music as the spirit moves them. Adult tickets are \$30 and youth tickets (under 18) are \$10. Tickets are available on our website and at Talisman Books.

Weekly Community Gatherings

Every Friday from 12 - 1pm we get together at the Community Hall for live music from local artists and homemade soup in partnership with the Community Hall, Ptarmigan Arts,

and the SGI Neighbourhood House. This month we'll be hearing from Tim Johnson on July 7, Isabelle Muir on July 14, wherpeter on July 21 and Peach & Quiet on July 28.

The Gallery at Ptarmigan Arts

June 21 to July 9, *Fluid*, a group show with Diane MacDonald's photographs, Sandy Shreve's painting, Nancy Silo's ceramics, and Monica Bennett's felt art. As this group has been known to do in past shows, along with their main works each of the artists will have created a response piece of art. This year they will be responding to the word 'movement'.

The summer show this year is *Island Vibes*, a theme to delight both islanders and visitors. This last open call show at the Gallery is curated once more by the incredible Monica Bennett. Come out and see ceramics, wood turning, stained glass, fibre art, jewellery, paintings, photography, and sculpture. It will run from July 12 to Labour Day Monday, September 4. For more details please visit our website or follow us on Instagram: @galleryathopebay.

For information and to register for any of the above programs or events, please visit our website: ptarmiganarts.org.

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Come join the summer fun at the Epicentre! We have three amazing camps to choose from.

Art Meets Science

July 3-7, ages 5+

What happens when art meets science? Karen Parker will lead the campers in fun explorations while allowing the children's creativity to shine through. They will explore concepts such as how a pendulum swings and then what happens if paint is added to the pendulum. They will also explore chemistry through making their own paints, and colour by creating a kaleidoscope, and so much more. The week will finish with an art exhibition and celebration.

Backcountry Camp: Stay Wild Child!

July 10 to 14, ages 10 to 15

Joel Michener will lead the kids in exploring our local areas while incorporating wilderness survival skills

and bushcraft activities that include knot tying, weaving, and learning knife safety and responsibility while practicing whittling. The kids will also master their compass skills in a navigation scavenger hunt, filter and purify water sources while soaking friends during water games, build a shelter they'd be proud to sleep in out in the wild, identify plants and animals in a huge forest game, and learn to camp and care for the environment with their friends. So much outdoor fun!

Build a Zoo

July 24 to 28, ages 5+

Karen Parker will guide each child in developing their very own zoo. The children will map their zoo area, build suitable habitats for individual animals, explore threatened species to create a conservation plan, learn appropriate habitats for different species, and consider how to generate income to

care for the animals and staff. The week will finish with a party to celebrate the opening of everyone's zoos.

For more information, please see our advertisement on page 3, visit our website at www.sginh.ca/programs/epicentre, or visit our Facebook page, 'The Epicentre'.

To register please contact epicentre@sginh.ca. Registration and payments (cash or cheque only) can also be done in person at the Southern Gulf Island Neighbourhood House office at the Driftwood Centre on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 10 am to 4 pm. To enquire about payment plan options or financial support, contact Melody at mpender@sginh.ca.

The Epicentre relies on your donations through the Tru Value Spirit Board to buy supplies for our centre. Please keep the

Pender Island Concert Society

2023-2024 Season

Island Chamber Winds - Ben Litzcke, conductor

Saturday, August 19th, at 2:00 pm



Trio Fibonacci - violin, cello, and piano

Wednesday, October 18th, at 7:30 pm

Lester Quitzau, Guitar and Matthew Hinton, Piano

Sunday, February 11th, at 2:00 pm



Adam Cicchillitti and Steve Cowan

Thursday, April 25th, at 7:30 pm

Epicentre (#6) in mind when choosing where to put your 1% donations. We appreciate your support.

If you would like to provide financial support for families requiring assistance to register their children in Epicentre programs, we'd love to hear from you. Please contact Melody Pender at mpender@sginh.ca.

Michael Cowan, Managing Director

Serena van Bakel, Administration

Gulf Islands Centre for Ecological Learning



The Gulf Islands Centre for Ecological Learning (GICEL) will once again be offering a Summer Earth Education Camp for

Pender children as well as summer visitors.

Summer Earth Education Camp: Wilderness Skills Day Camp

August 14 - 18, 10 am to 4 pm daily

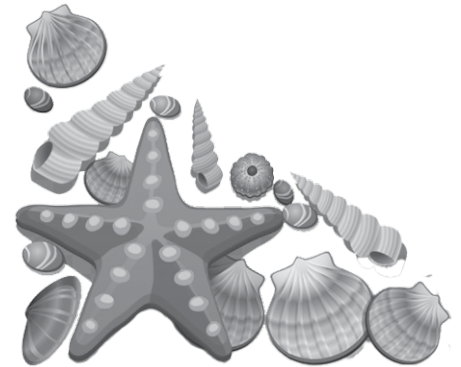
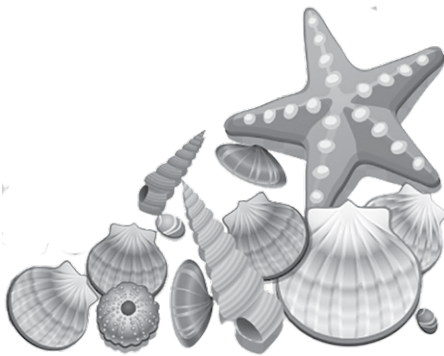
Children ages 6 to 12

\$250 (If the cost poses a hardship, GICEL has limited funds for financial assistance.)

The children will explore, learn, and play together in the forests, freshwater and marine environments of the Pender Islands. Day Campers get hands-on experiences in understanding ecosystems through multi-sensory explorations, learning about animal and bird communities and behaviour, gardening, composting, food chains, pyramids and webs, journaling and self reflection. Specifically designed games

reinforce the concepts, and activities have children learn by role playing as prey, predators, pollinators, salmon, and orcas... to name a few.

Join our dynamic leaders and amazing youth mentors and explore the gifts of nature on the Pender Islands. Registration forms can be found at www.gicel.ca/programs. For more information or to register email pender@gicel.ca.



We encourage you to purchase a subscription as soon as possible, as this enables us to plan ahead for our next season . Subscription forms are also available at Talisman Books & Gallery.

Pender Island Concert Society

2023/2024, 30th Season

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Adult Subscription: (flexible use to four performances) \$75 (How many?)

Note: Admission to the concerts is free for all elementary and secondary school students. However, elementary students need to be accompanied by a paying adult.

NON tax deductible donations are also welcome. Thanks for your support. See you at the performances!

Gulf Islands Food Co-op

Just a reminder that GIFC is offering the co-operative produce sales table at the Pender Island Farmers Market from now through October. Hosted by our friends at the Pender Growers Collective, GIFC's weekly shared produce sales venue allows both backyard growers and small scale farmers to simply set their price, drop off their fresh produce, have it sold on their behalf to Saturday market consumers, and then return at the end of the market to collect their profits! If you are a grower interested in participating, please reach out to Nancy at info@gulfislandsfoodco-op.org for more information.

Thank you for continuing to support local food producers, our community's best resource in the creation of a food resilient Southern Gulf Islands region.

Nancy Goodman, GIFC Project Coordinator

Magic Lake Property Owners' Society

Defibrillators

Two defibrillators have been installed, one at the tennis/pickleball courts mounted by the court gate and one at the marina at the shed. There will be a volunteer information session in the next few weeks on how to use them. Contact notifymlpos@gmail.com if you want to be part of this info session.

Old Tennis Nets for Free

If you think you can use a well-used tennis net, contact notifymlpos@gmail.com to arrange a pick up at the tennis court shed.

MLPOS Cistern Rebate

There have been a number of cisterns successfully installed using this rebate program. Cisterns can help to future-proof for the predicted longer, drier summers. If this interests you, email notifymlpos@gmail.com for more information.

CRD Cistern Rebate

And for others on Pender, the link to the CRD rebate program to register for next year's wait list is <https://form-can.keela.co/cac-2023-rainwater-future-interest>.

For more on what the Magic Lake Property Owners' Society does for, and with, the residents of Pender Island, have a look at our website, www.magiclake.ca or contact notifymlpos@gmail.com.

The next MLPOS Directors meeting, on the second Monday of the month, is Monday, July 10, 4 pm outdoors (weather permitting) at the Thieves Bay Park or the Community Hall.

Mary Beth Rondeau, Secretary

Moving Around Pender

MAP

Study of Public Transportation on the Islands



Remember the Pender Community Bus? Bussa Nova! MAP operated this regularly scheduled and charter community bus for two and a half years as a pilot project to show that there is a need for public transportation on Pender. It was a volunteer effort with predominantly volunteer drivers and coordinators. There was a progressive increase in ridership during the pilot and this, in part, contributed to the CRD proposing a referendum to approve tax support for public transport on the Gulf Islands. Unfortunately, the referendum narrowly missed being approved, by three votes.

Now the Province is having another look at public transportation in small rural communities, like the Penders. They are funding a study to explore passenger transportation within and between communities on Vancouver Island and parts of coastal BC, including the Southern Gulf Islands. The focus is on passenger transportation connections within and between communities in rural and remote areas and islands, that are either not currently served or are underserved by buses, water taxis, community shuttles, or other ways of getting around. Connections between transportation modes (e.g., ferry to bus) are also included.

I can just hear you saying, "What, not another study!" It is discouraging how much time and money goes into planning exercises but don't give up, someday it will happen. Have your say; they want to hear from you.

You can read about the study at <https://rb.gy/872pf>, and complete a questionnaire about your transportation needs and desires at <https://rb.gy/6ruku>. The purpose is to provide the provincial government with information to help inform future policy and investment decisions.

Car Stop Maintenance

Many readers will know that MAP created and established Car Stops on Pender, and the idea was taken up by most of the Southern Gulf Islands. This unique form of transportation relies simply on the generosity of drivers and the care of the forty or so signed stops that are situated throughout North and South Pender.

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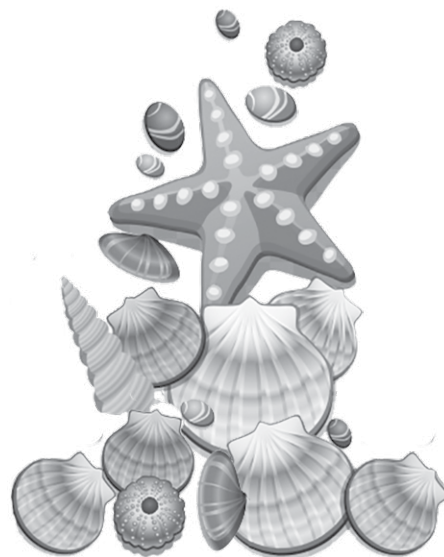
For more information, contact Niall Parker, MAP Chair at niallp@shaw.ca.

Cost of Transportation

Recently the cost of gasoline exceeded \$2/litre. Ouch! Most Islanders aren't too hard on the odometer; even so fuel costs are noticeable.

What can be done? Walking and cycling can be good choices for island distances. But if you have to drive, gasoline and diesel powered vehicles are more efficient at reduced speeds. In addition to reduced fuel consumption, wear on brakes, tires, and transmission is reduced at lower speeds. Reduced speeds keep money in your pocket. Reduced speeds also improve safety. With foliage, curves, and hills, island roads are inherently more dangerous than urban roads. Reduced speeds reduce the risk of injury and death to people and wildlife. A deer impact can total a vehicle, and can spoil one's day.

Peter Paré and Peter Easthope



Pender Island Child Care Society

Dragonfly Child Care & Family Resource Centre

Live in the sunshine. Swim in the sea. Drink in the wild air.
Ralph Waldo Emerson



Summer closure

Dragonfly is closed July and

August and will reopen on Tuesday, September 5 for our Open House from 9-11:30 am. This is a great opportunity for you and your child to come and familiarize yourselves again with the centre, fill out child care registration forms, and meet with the educators.

Child Care 2023-2024

Dragonfly is excited that we will continue as a \$10 a day ChildCare BC site and every family is eligible. Dragonfly Child Care currently has one space in the Tuesday Pre Kindergarten class for September 2023-June 2024. This child care program is dedicated for children who will be 4 years old by Dec 31, 2023. The multi-age child care program offered Wednesday to Friday is full with a waitlist. For more information please email Sarah at dragonflyfamilycentre@gmail.com.

Parents and Babes

Parents and Babes will take a break over July and August and we will welcome our families back on Monday September 11 at Dragonfly. To stay connected, parents and their children can meet at Privateers Park for casual meet ups over the summer on Mondays 9-11 am.

Healthy Opportunities for Preschoolers (HOP)

HOP will also take a break over the summer and we will welcome our families back in October every Wednesday from 9:30-10:30 am. This free program is for parents/caregivers and their children ages 1-5 years and is held in the school gym. Come on out and join our trained facilitator as she sets up hula hoops, tunnel play, crash mats, obstacle course, bean bag toss, basketball, baseball, hockey, balance bikes, toddler scooters, and plasma cars. HOP is designed for parents/caregivers to engage in physical activities and help

their children develop gross motor skills. Thanks to the Pender Island School and the CRD, this program is free.

Dad n' Me Pancake Breakfast

Dad n' Me will start back one Saturday in September where kids can bring their dads, grandpas, uncles, or big friends to Dragonfly for a free breakfast! The facilitators will be serving up pancakes, sausages or bacon, fruit, tea or coffee and juice. This is a wonderful opportunity to play and socialize with your peers.

Spirit Dollars

Please consider giving your 1% on Tru Value's spirit board to Dragonfly #15. This donation helps support healthy food purchases that serve our family resource and child care programs. If you are currently not a member of Pender Island Child Care Society please consider an annual fee of \$20 to become one.

If you would like further information on Dragonfly activities, you can contact Sarah at 250-629-3039 or by email dragonflyfamilycentre@gmail.com.

Check out our new website www.dragonflycentre.ca and our new blog www.dragonflycentre.ca/blog.

We wish all our Dragonfly families a wonderful summer and look forward to seeing you again in September.

Sarah Conley

Pender Island Community Service Society - Nu-To-Yu



The Nu-To-Yu will be open Saturday, July 1, Canada Day for shopping (10 am to 4 pm), and donations (11 am to 2 pm). Stop by after you have been to the market. Fear not, there are "new" products out in the store on Saturdays. For more information about our store go to www.nu-to-yu.com. Note: we are unable to accept furniture and other large items on Saturdays.

Christmas in July runs from July 7 to the end of the month. Unique Pender ornaments, household decorations, and hockey memorabilia will be available for your visitors at a fraction of the price of the big city stores.

Saturday August 5, 11am to 3 pm marks the date and time for a very large Silent Auction. Look for the tents opposite Talisman Books at the Driftwood. Thanks to the numerous donations throughout the year and to the donors that gave them. All the money raised on August 5 goes to our building fund.

The build does go on. The hauling away of old debris and land contouring has taken place. Thank you, Braedon. Once the location and foot print of the building is finalized, the build will start in earnest. The new sign marks the spot and is located at the east end (or is it South?) of the Driftwood shopping complex. An e-transfer account has been set up to donate: nutoyudonate@gmail.com. Thank you Linda E. for your

artistic draftsmanship, and to Sheila V. for organizing the new building fund account.

The gentlest of reminders that we are unable to accept previously opened toiletries, razors, and used bed pillows. We have stopped taking opened perfumes as the temptation to spritz and spray ad nauseam has proved to be too much for a few customers. Textbooks or hard covered books are not routinely accepted. Hartland does accept these books; your unsaleable books will be shredded into compost and used to plump up city gardens. Unlike Value Village, and other thrift stores who have closed all their change rooms due to theft, one change room is still open for use. Please rehang what you do not purchase. If you like to try before you buy, please consider dressing so this can be done with ease. We do draw the line at stripping down to your birthday suit in the book area. Thank you in advance.

Daurel Minion

NOTICE

The Trincomali Improvement District

is holding its

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August 5th, 2023

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Call for Volunteers

The Pender Post Society is looking for new volunteer board members!

Board members attend monthly meetings, share thoughts about issues that arise, and participate in other tasks, such as proofreading or ensuring monthly columns from clubs you belong to.

If this sounds appealing, we would love to connect with you.

Contact our Secretary, Jan Wallace, at secretary@penderpost.org

The
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Pender Islands Conservancy



Thank you everyone who came out to the 30th Anniversary Celebration, AGM, and Potluck.

This was a good old pre-COVID type event and Sarah Smith got us off to an energised start for the outdoor season. Your support and enthusiasm for the work the Conservancy has done over the past 30 years was overwhelming. Thank you!

Family Events in July

Parks Canada Southern Resident Killer Whale Outreach Team

July 2 at 1:30

Parks Canada is returning to the Nature Centre to share learning activities and crafts about our amazing orca neighbours. Presented with PenderPOD.

Tiny Creatures: Surprises in the Light Trap

Every Thursday, 9 am at Hope Bay

You are welcome to join in on our light trap monitoring at Hope Bay dock. We never know what will be there. Will it be the Dungeness babies we seek or an amazing pipefish or a trap full of worms? You never know until you open it up!

Medicine Beach: Conservancy Nature Pop-up

Every Friday starting July 7, 1-3pm

We are expanding on last year's pop-ups and going to different locations sharing nature activities and crafts this summer. For details go to our website penderconservancy.org or the Pender Post calendar.

Orca Day

Friday, July 14, 1-4 pm,
Thieves Bay Breakwater

This exciting event is perfect for families who are interested in learning more about the endangered Southern Resident orcas, while enjoying a day filled with music, activities, treats, and valuable information. Hosted by PenderPOD, the SGIWSN, and Pender Islands Conservancy, Orca Day aims to educate and entertain attendees of all ages. Special guests from Gulf Islands National Park Reserve SRKW team will



Enjoying the amazing tunes of Sarah Smith at the Pender Conservancy's 30th Anniversary Celebration! Image by Sue Kronen

be joining. Thank you to MLPOS and PIPRC for supporting this program.

Nature Journaling with Bea Martin

Saturday, July 15, 1:00-2:30 at Roesland.
Cost \$15

In a friendly and supporting environment, participants will learn how to start their own nature journals and write down their observations using words, pictures, and numbers. Geared toward families with children ages 5-12, the workshop will take place in a natural setting, facilitating a connection and place-based learning in nature. Find out more about Bea Martin at: <https://bmartinvisuals.wordpress.com>. Limited space, please register at penderconservancy.org.

Join the most relaxed science programs ever.

Bet you didn't know you could volunteer to help collect scientific data by hanging out at a dock next to the ocean watching birds, or by taking a few minutes before doing your weekly grocery shopping at Tru Value to count tiny bird beaks in a nest. Well now you know that you can. Our Purple Martin Colony Watch and Barn Swallow Nest Monitoring programs are underway and looking for volunteers. Adopt a martin colony - there are six colonies across North Pender island, so there is sure to be one near you.

Monitor barn swallow nests if you are lucky enough to have them nesting in your own yard, or help us monitor the Driftwood colony: we have stocked the Conservancy folder in the community box at the Driftwood with paper data



Pender Conservancy Naturalist Walk with Mayne Island Conservancy's Rob Underhill at St. John's Point

sheets and pencils, so you can always grab a sheet and collect some data, then pop it back in our folder. If you'd rather have an electronic data sheet emailed to you, we can do that as well. Help us track the nesting success of these beautiful, ecologically important but declining species, and learn more about ecology and conservation at the same time. Fun for the whole family.

Contact Erin O'Brien at biologist@penderconservancy.org for more information or to get started.

Raptor nests on Pender Island: A Silent Spring

For the first time in at least 25 years, the Shingle-Masthead osprey nest sits empty and silent. Every year, a pair

of ospreys have rebuilt their large and complex stick nest on the supporting branch of one of the several veteran Douglas-fir trees along Shingle Creek, overlooking Shingle Bay in Magic Lake. Every year they incubated a clutch of 1-4 eggs; many years these efforts produced young, and many years those young successfully fledged. But never in the past 25 years have the birds returned in the spring, only to abandon this territory without attempting to nest. And so the Shingle Creek valley has fallen silent, devoid of the exuberant calls of the parent and nestling birds that have echoed across the valley each spring and summer for decades.

Raptors such as osprey and bald eagles build massive nest structures, with eagle

nests weighing in at up to 1000 lb (450 kg). In fact, bald eagle nests are the largest bird nests in the entire world. To accommodate this size and weight, these raptors need large, old trees with huge supporting branches; in the Coastal Douglas-fir ecosystems of the Southern Gulf Islands, this means trees that are 150 or more years old. Historical forest harvesting has reduced the supply of suitable nest trees on the Southern Gulf Islands and throughout coastal BC, reducing the number of nesting eagles and osprey these forests can support. We often hear folks saying, "It's second growth forest anyway", implying that it is somehow less important if these forests are lost to commercial logging or large-scale clearing for development; given we are just now seeing veteran trees on the Southern Gulf Islands nearing the critical age and size needed to support raptor nests, perhaps that position needs to be reconsidered.

Eagles and osprey are apex predators, occupying a high trophic position in food webs, and are important sentinels of the health of aquatic ecosystems - when they decline, as with other top predators such as the Southern Resident Killer Whales of the Salish Sea, it signals imbalance in the food webs they are a part of. Along with peregrine falcons, these species are of high priority for management and monitoring in both Canada and the US, due to historical declines, low density, high sensitivity to disturbance from human activities, and sensitivity to effects of environmental toxins. In 2022, all but one bald eagle nest on the Penders failed to produce any fledged young - a pattern reported to have occurred throughout the lower mainland of BC, appearing to be in part due to the emergence of highly pathogenic avian influenza. While it is normal for nesting success of raptors such as eagles and osprey to vary considerably from year to year, persistent nesting failures due to the cumulative impacts of multiple stressors (e.g., loss of nest trees due to logging and development, declines in prey such as salmon, emergent diseases like avian flu, low-flying aircraft near nests, climate change induced cold spring temperatures or heat domes when young are still in the nest) can



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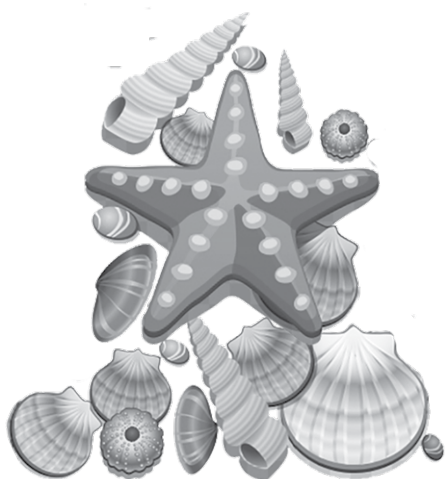
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be amplified and result in long-term population declines.

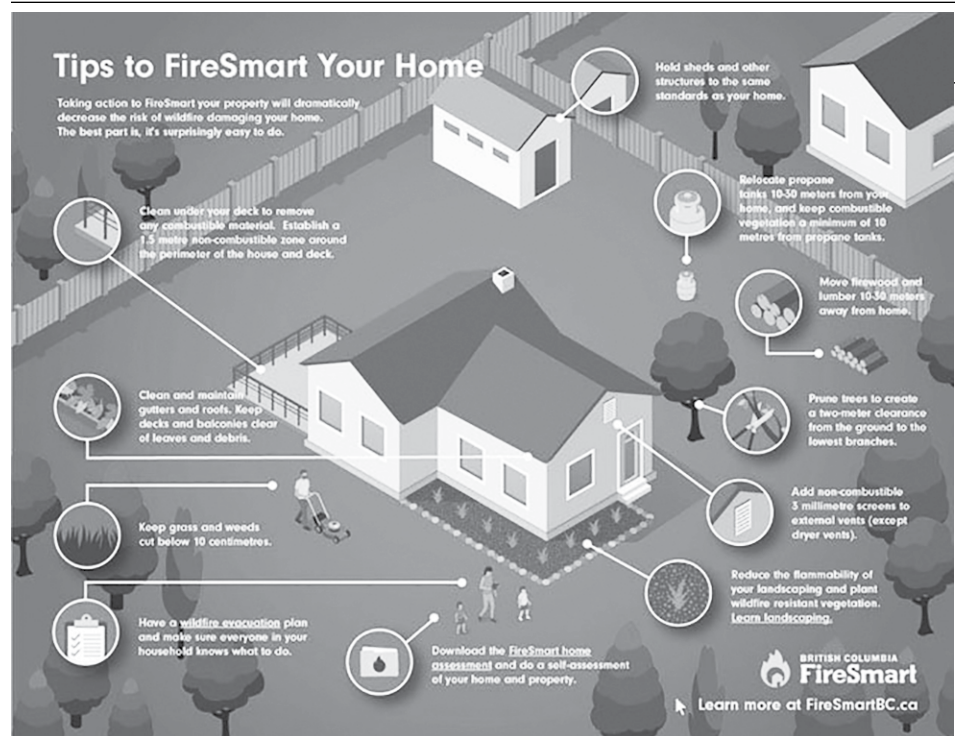
Talk to your neighbours. Explain to them that these top predators and their habitats are valued by our community. Rather than seeking the removal of protections for a raptor nest as a condition of sale for a property, new residents should be celebrating the existence of the massive veteran trees that support these nests on the properties they are purchasing. Land value should be increased by the presence of a raptor nest site and advertised proudly by realtors, rather than real estate listings encouraging purchasers to commercially log the increasingly rare veteran trees for a quick dollar. Because when forests of century-old trees are logged now, forest succession is pushed back another century, and with it, any chance to restore a diverse supply of veteran trees and the raptor nests that they support.

It is not clear why the Shingle-Masthead ospreys did not nest in 2023; however, supporting branches of the current veteran nest trees in their territory have continued to break off, and there are few large trees emerging as the new veterans that will take their place. Unless we all value and protect the largest, oldest trees we have left, and manage our forests to ensure mature trees are retained to become old-growth in the future, we can expect a future where these apex predators are increasingly rare, and where silent springs are the norm.

Dr. Erin O'Brien, Ecology and Conservation Director



Pender Island Emergency Program



When it comes to wildfires, the news has been grim for Canada this year, and it looks like our country will have its worst-ever wildfire season. In order to be prepared for a wildfire emergency on North and South Pender Islands, there are things we can do to “Be prepared, not scared.”

Burning Regulations

Outdoor burning is prohibited in July, August, and September under CRD Bylaws. This includes incinerators, beach fires, and campfires. No fire permits will be issued until October, depending on weather. Outdoor work/activities are regulated according to fire risk levels.

IF YOU SPOT A WILDFIRE ON PENDER ISLAND, report it as soon as possible by calling 911.

- If you live in or near a forested area, make sure your home is protected by removing debris from the roof and maintaining a safety zone around your house clear of flammable debris, shrubs, or trees.
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Audiologist, Donna Stewart 778-426-4876

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Chiropractor, Dr. Penny Paterson 629-9918

Community Nurses 629-3242

Carmel Kozac and Miranda MacKenzie

Community Support Worker/Volunteer 629-3346

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250-222-0025

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Ministry of Children and Family Development

MCFD 800-663-9122

Victim Link 1-800-563-0808

Community Support Numbers

Capital Regional District (CRD)

Director SGI, Paul Brent 604-760-9975

Building Inspector 629-3424

SGI Harbours, Ben Mabblerley benmabb@telus.net

Bylaw/Animal Control complaints 1-800-665-7899

Magic Lake Water & Sewer General .. 1-800-663-4425

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Emergency Hydro 1-888-769-3766

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Non-Emergency - Hall #1 and Admin 629-3321

Burning Permits - online www.penderfire.ca

or at Fire Hall #1, 4423 Bedwell Harbour Road

Hall/Meeting Room Bookings

Anglican Parish Hall rentals@pendersaturnaanglican.ca

School Community Room 629-3711

Health Care Centre 629-3326

Legion Hall bookings239.rcl@gmail.com

Pender Island Community Hall 629-3669

Plum Tree Court plumtreecourt@gmail.com

Home Support Services

Ask for the home support program 1-888-993-2299

Islands Trust: Victoria 1-800-663-7867

NP, Deb Morrison dmorrison@islandstrust.bc.ca

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Saanich-Gulf Islands, Elizabeth May 1-800-667-9188

Pender Island Emergency Program

Emergency Coordinator 250-589-3001

ESS 250-792-0880

Pender Island Public Cemetery 629-6625

Pender Island Veterinary Clinic 629-9909

Poison Control Centre 1-800-567-8911

RCMP, Outer Gulf Islands (non-emergency) 629-6171

Crimestoppers 1-800-665-TIPS (8477)

Victim Services 629-6531

Rescue

Marine & Aircraft distress 1-800-567-5111

Joint Rescue Coordination Centre (JRCC)

Search and Rescue (Land) Emergency 911

School Trustee, Greg Lucas glucas@sd64.org

Anglican Church of Canada

Parish of Pender and Saturna Islands • 4703 Canal Road

July 2	10:00 am	St Peter's Church	Holy Eucharist
July 8	12:00 pm	St Peter's grounds	Labyrinth Day
July 9	10:00 am	St Peter's Church	Morning Prayer
July 16	10:00 am	St Peter's Church	Holy Eucharist
July 23	10:00 am	St Peter's Church	Holy Eucharist
July 30	10:00 am	St Peter's Hall	Circle Service

You are welcome to join us in person or contact us for the Zoom Link.

Church Office: 629-3634 Parish e-mail: admin@pendersaturnaanglican.ca

Bookings for the Parish Hall: rentals@pendersaturnaanglican.ca

Pender Island Community Church (PICC)

4405 Bedwell Harbour Road - We are a non-denominational church, all are welcome!

Please visit our website (www.picchurch.ca)

July 2	10:45 am	Dan Glover, Frank Strohschein	Communion
July 9	10:45 am	Bobby Cooper	Worship Service
July 16	10:45 am	Christian Girard	Worship Service
July 23	10:45 am	Scott Lockhart	Worship Service
July 30	10:45 am	Scott Lockhart	Worship Service

Please visit our website for updated information, or telephone Judy at 629-6168.

St. Teresa's Chapel - Roman Catholic Services

4705 Buccaneers Road

July 2	9:30 am	Liturgy of the Word and Communion
July 9	9:30 am	Liturgy of the Word and Communion
July 16	9:30 am	Liturgy of the Word and Communion
July 23	9:30 am	Liturgy of the Word and Communion
July 28	9:30 am	Friday Mass in lieu of Sunday

Pender residents and visitors are welcome to celebrate Sunday and Friday liturgies with the chapel community. There will be coffee, tea, juice, and goodies served after the liturgies. If there are any changes to the above schedule, those on our mailing list will be informed. Others who plan to attend a liturgy should email stteresachapel@gmail.com or phone 629-6029 to find out any changes to the schedule.

The Bahá'í Community of Canada (www.bahai.ca)

The Bahá'í Faith Group of Pender Island and Southern Gulf Islands (<https://bahaisofpender.org>)

July 10	12:00 pm	Martyrdom of the Bab. Via Zoom
July 13	7:00 pm	Feast of Kalimat (Words). Via Zoom

We have established a weekly Zoom devotional meeting Thursday evenings, inviting people of all Faiths to participate. For a Zoom link to this and other events, please email bevpedenpender@gmail.com or call 250-412-2524 or visit bahaissi.org for more information.

Common Table Fellowship in Christ

Meets every Sunday upstairs at the Community Hall

Sundays	10:00 am	Meet for coffee upstairs at the Community Hall
	10:30 am	Service
	12:00 pm	Potluck Lunch (around noon)

Common Table Fellowship In Christ is a spiritual family of folks who find Unity and New Life 'In Christ'. Come as you are, all are welcome. We meet every Sunday upstairs at the Community Hall. Reach us at commontablependerisland@gmail.com.

Hope Bay Bible Camp

Day Camp

July 10-14, ages 6-12
\$40/day or \$150/week

PreTeen 1

July 16-21, ages 10-12, \$315

Junior

July 23-28, ages 7-10 \$315

Preteen 2

July 30 - August 4, ages 10-12, \$315

Discipleship (Leaders in Training)

August 7-11, ages 14-17

\$250 or \$350 in combo

with Teen Camp

Bayside

(Single moms and dependants)

August 11-13, \$150/weekend

Teen

August 13-18, ages 13-16

\$315 or \$350 in combo

with Discipleship Camp

Our desire is that camp would be accessible to all children and youth.

JULY CALENDAR

1	Sat	9:30 am	Farmers Market, to 1 pm, Community Hall*	33
		10:00 am	Community Café, to 1 pm, Community Hall*	42
		10:00 am	Nu-To-Yu open Fridays and Saturdays until 4 pm*	23
		10:00 am	Recycling Depot, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays to 3 pm*	42
		10:00 am	Library is open Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays to 3 pm*	40
		10:30 am	Legion Canada Day Celebration with PI Celtic Music Society, Driftwood Centre	14, 45
		12:30 pm	Legion children's activities with free hot dogs, pop and ice cream, Hope Bay Bible Camp	29
		1:00 pm	Pender Islands Museum open to 4 pm Saturdays, Sundays and holiday Mondays*	36
		1:15 pm	Moving Around Pender (MAP) first Saturday every month, Community Hall*	21
		4:00 pm	Legion Meat Draw (weekly)*	45
2	Sun	1:30 pm	Family-friendly Orca focused activities, Hope Bay	24
		5:00 pm	Sunday Lounge for 14-24s, to 9 pm, Community Hall	41
		6:30 pm	Monopoly Night for 14-24s, to 9 pm, Community Hall.....	41
3	Mon	10:00 am	Leaders in Training Camp, ages 12-18, to 4 pm, until July 6, Community Hall	42
			Art Meets Science Camp, to July 7, with Karen Parker, Epicentre	3,19
		3:00 pm	Caregiver Support Group, every Monday, Community Hall*	
		5:00 pm	Comic Art Class, to 9 pm, Mondays until July 31, Community Hall.....	46
4	Tues	9:00 am	Nu-To-Yu open for donations until 12 pm, Tuesdays and Thursdays*	23
		11:00 am	PI Conservancy Intertidal Pop-up at Roesland.....	24
5	Wed		Photography & Design Club, also July 19, August 2 and 16, Hope Bay Gallery	46
		3:00 pm	Food Only Market at the Barn behind Community Hall*	33
6	Thur	9:00 am	PI Conservancy presents Tiny Creatures: Light Trap Monitoring, also July 13,20,27, Hope Bay.....	24
		2:00 pm	Legion Euchre with Margaret Vergette, every Thursday to 4 pm*	
7	Fri	10:00 am	Nu-To-Yu open Fridays and Saturdays until 4 pm, featuring Christmas in July	23
		10:00 am	Food Bank open Fridays to 12 pm, upstairs at back of Anglican Parish Hall*	
		10:30 am	Community Cafe & Gathering, lunch, music by Tim Johnson, to 1 pm, Community Hall	18, 42
		10:45 am	Activity: Outdoor Games, Hula Hoops, Sprinkler to 12:15 pm, Community Hall	42
		1:00 pm	PI Conservancy Nature Pop-up at Medicine Beach, to 3pm	24
		5:00 pm	Legion Friday BBQ Dinner	45
8	Sat	10:00 am	Community Café, to 1 pm, Community Hall*	42
		11:00 am	Nu-To-Yu open for donations Saturdays, until 2 pm* (also Tues/Thurs, 9 am -12 pm).....	23
		2:30 pm	Pender Island Trust Protection Society, first Saturday every month, Community Hall*	
9	Sun	3:00 pm	Golf Club Mixed Fun Night and Dinner, Golf Course	46
		7:00 pm	Speakeasy, Legion*	
10	Mon	9:00 am	Backcountry Camp, ages 10-15, to 5 pm, until July 14, with Joel Michener.....	3, 19
		4:00 pm	MLPOS Directors Meeting, Thieves Bay Park*	21
11	Tues	10:00 am	Computer Savvy Seniors, til noon, Plum Tree Court	46
		5:00 pm	Creators Roundtable, to 6 pm, \$5 drop in, all creators welcome, Ptarmigan Arts Gallery	17
12	Wed	11:00 am	Taoist Tai Chi, to 12:30, Community Hall, call Kali at 629-3848 for details*	
		1:30 pm	Carpet Bowling, to 3:30 pm, every Wednesday, Community Hall*	
		4:00 pm	Ukulele Strum to 5 pm, \$5 drop in, all ages, abilities welcome, Community Hall	
		6:00 pm	Block Printing Workshop to 9 pm, Community Hall	17
		11:00 am	<i>Island Vibes</i> , Ptarmigan Gallery, to 3 pm, until September 7.....	18
13	Thur	9:00 am	PI Conservancy presents Tiny Creatures: Light Trap Monitoring, to 3 pm, Hope Bay	24
		3:00 pm	Parks & Recreation Schooner Way Trail info session, to 6 pm, Driftwood Centre.....	38
14	Fri	10:30 am	Community Cafe & Gathering, lunch, music by Isabelle Muir, to 1 pm, Community Hall.....	42
		10:45 am	Activity: Garden Crafts to 12:15 pm, Community Hall	42
		1:00 pm	World Orca Day Celebration, to 4 pm, Thieves Bay	24, 44

JULY CALENDAR CONTINUED

15 Sat	11:00 am	Art Off the Fence, to 4 pm, and Sunday	3
	11:00 am	15th Annual Car and Motorcycle Show and Shine, to 3 pm, Community Hall	14
	1:00 pm	PI Conservancy presents Nature Journaling with Bea Martin.....	24
	4:30 pm	Salmon Grill and Concert: <i>Downtown Mischief</i> to 10:30 pm, Community Hall.....	41
16 Sun	12:00 pm	Youth Leaders: Mocktail Lounge Fundraiser to 5 pm, Community Hall	
	12:00 pm	Car Boot Sale to 5ish, Community Hall	42
	5:00 pm	Sunday Lounge for 14-24s to 9 pm, Community Hall	41
	5:00 pm	Backyard Summer Dance Party for 13+, to 9 pm, Community Hall.....	41
17 Mon	10:00 am	Fashion Camp, ages 10 – 18, to 4 pm, until July 21, Community Hall	42
	10:00 am	Camp Create for ages 6-9 to 4pm, Monday to Friday until July 21, at Hope Bay	17
	3:00 pm	Parks and Recreation Commission monthly meeting, Community Hall and via Zoom.....	38
21 Fri	10:30 am	Community Cafe and Gathering, lunch, music by <i>wherzpeter</i> , to 1 pm, Community Hall	18, 42
	10:45 am	Activity: Water Games to 12:15 pm, Community Hall	42
	5:00 pm	Legion Friday BBQ Dinner	45
22 Sat	10:00 am	Art in the Orchard to 4 pm at Corbett House, 4309 Corbett Rd.....	17
23 Sun	5:00 pm	Sunday Lounge for 14-24s, to 9 pm, Community Hall	41
24 Mon	9:00 am	Build a Zoo Camp, ages 5+, to 5 pm, until July 28, with Karen Parker.....	3,19
25 Tues	7:15 pm	Film: <i>Pride</i> (2014), Community Hall	39, 41
	5:00 pm	Creators Roundtable to 6 pm. \$5 drop in, all creators welcome, Ptarmigan Arts Gallery	17
27 Thur	7:00 pm	Stoney Pocket Presents: <i>Get Back Unplugged</i> , 2200 Clam Bay Road.....	18
28 Fri	10:00 am	Museum open, Friday - Sunday and holiday Mondays, to 4:00 pm*.....	36
	10:30 am	Community Cafe & Gathering, lunch, music by Peach & Quiet, to 1 pm, Community Hall	18, 42
	10:45 am	Activity: Make Alka Seltzer Bottle Rockets to 12:15 pm, Community Hall	42
	1:00 pm	Conservancy Pop-up, to 3 pm, location TBA.....	24
	7:15 pm	Film: WALL-E (2008), Community Hall	42
30 Sun		Bubble Tea Workshop, Community Hall.....	41
	11:00 am	Pride Brunch and Social Mixer, Seastar Winery	39
	5:00 pm	Sunday Lounge for 14-24s to 9 pm, Community Hall	41
31 Mon	10:00 am	Exploration Arts Camp, ages 12 – 18, to 4 pm, until August 4, Community Hall	42

* Indicates an event or activity which is scheduled weekly or for more than one day.

ADVANCE NOTICES FOR AUGUST

4 Fri	5:30 pm	Mosaic Arts & Culture Festival to August 6 at Hope Bay.....	17
4 or 5	7:15 pm	Film: <i>Jaws</i> , Community Hall	
5 Sat	11:00 am	Nu-to-Yu Silent Auction, to 3 pm, Driftwood Centre.....	23
	10:00 pm	PI Conservancy Bioluminescence at Mosaic Festival after the music	24
7	10:00 am	Kids Day Camp, ages 6 – 12, to 4 pm, until August 11, Community Hall.....	42
TBC	7:15 pm	Film: <i>Back to the Future</i> , Community Hall	
10		PI Conservancy Night Magic: Bats at the Lake with Dan Baxter	24
14	10:00 am	Wilderness Skills Day Camp, ages 6-12, to 4 pm, until August 18.....	20
14	10:00 am	Camp Create for ages 10-12 to 4pm, Monday to Friday until August 18, at Hope Bay	17
15 Tues	5:00 pm	Creators Roundtable to 6 pm (also August 29), Ptarmigan Arts Gallery.....	17
	5:00 pm	Fall Crawl Studio Tour (Sept. 31 & Oct. 1) artists' registration deadline	
19	2:00 pm	Island Chamber Winds conducted by Ben Litzcke, Community Hall.....	14
20 Sun	7:00 pm	Stoney Pocket Presents: Harry Manx to 9 pm, 2200 Clam Bay Rd	
		Pender Pride.....	39
22	10:00 am	Fall Fair Camp, ages 10 -18, to 4 pm, until August 26, Community Hall	42
26		Fall Fair!	34
29 Tues	9:00 am	Band Camp, to 5 pm, until September 1, Community Hall.....	17



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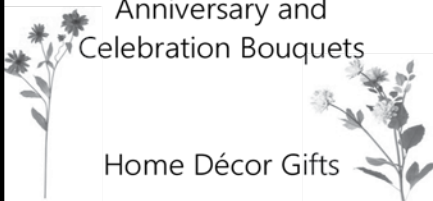
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Emergency Plan

- Do you know who your PI Neighbourhood Program contact is? NOTE: Twelve of the 84 PI neighbourhoods do not have a contact-the list is on the PI Emergency Program Facebook site. This means that, in the case of an emergency, individuals within those named neighbourhoods would not be contacted by the Pender Emergency Neighbourhood Program. If you live in one of those empty contact areas, please consider stepping forward to help your neighbours. Contact Jenny Cromarty, Neighbourhood Coordinator, 250-629-9989, np.penders.coordinator@gmail.com if you are interested in getting more information.
- Sign up for PANS, the Public Alert Notification System:

<https://www.crd.bc.ca/service/fire-and-emergency-programs/public-alert-notification-system>.

- Make a phone list and include an out-of-area contact; if you find yourself separated from family, each family member can checkin with the out-of-area contact.
- Pick a meeting place where you'll meet your family members during an emergency. If gathering at home is the ideal, but you can't get there, identify a secondary spot.
- Include places to stay in case you cannot access your home, like a friend or relative's house, RV, boat, or hotel.
- Know locations and the proper use of important equipment such as fire extinguishers, gas and water valves, floor drains, and the electrical box.
- Consider the unique needs of those who may rely on you for assistance: children, pets, aging parents, and those with disabilities.
- Assemble your household emergency kit and prepare a grab-and-go bag for each person/pet in your household.



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To download the free BC Firesmart Manual, FireSmart Begins at Home, go to <https://firesmartbc.ca/resource/firesmart-begins-at-home-manual/>

*Information from the Pender Island Fire Rescue and the CRD websites.

*Joy Thierry Llewellyn,
PI Emergency Program
Co-Coordinator*



Pender Island Farmers' Institute



The Pender Island Farmers' Institute is pleased to award the Neptune Navy Grimmer - Ashton Ross-Smith Bursary to Shinta Kikuchi this year. Shinta is a graduate of Gulf Island Secondary

School and will be attending University of Victoria in the Commerce Program. Shinta grew up on Pender Island and has been active in the community, as well as volunteering for the Pender Island Fall Fair, the Community Garden, and the School Garden at Pender Island School. He has been a fall fair volunteer since he was six years old, setting up the poultry section with his dad, staying overnight to keep the animals safe, and helping clean up the day after the fair. He also has entered his vegetables, fruits, and garden projects as well as crafts, winning many trophies. It is so appropriate that this bursary is funded by the Pender

Island Fall Fair raffle and the community who donate the raffle prizes and buy the raffle tickets. Congratulations Shinta!

This is the 45th year of the Pender Islands Farmers' Market, which started on the small lawn at the Driftwood Centre in 1978, and it has been at the Community Hall over half of that time. Everything is made, baked, or grown on Pender Island by local artisans, farmers, and food producers. The market has served as a small business incubator as well, with some products now on the shelves of Tru Value or Southridge. Our market will be part of an Impact Study to evaluate the economic impact of the market on our community, as well as "Hatch and Hype", a program to showcase food and farm businesses on our island. Both projects are possible because of our membership in BC Farmers' Markets. We encourage everyone to support our friends and neighbours who are at the market every Saturday, rain or shine. It is a wonderful place to spend a Saturday, grab some fresh food, a coffee, and a treat, and buy something special for yourself or someone else.

Our market has expanded with the food-only Wednesday market which is in its third year. We offer fresh produce in season, frozen meat and food, smoked cheese, eggs, preserves, and freshly baked bread from 3-6 pm behind the Hall. Both markets are part of the BC Farmers' Markets Nutrition Coupon program which is already underway and will continue until December. This program provides coupons towards farm produce, eggs, meat, herbs, food plants, and cheese at any BC Farmers' Market, which are distributed to low-income families with children, pregnant women, and seniors. To apply for coupons, please contact one of our partners: the Pender Island Food Bank, Pender Island Child Care Society (Dragonfly), and the SGI Neighbourhood House.

For information on becoming a vendor at the Farmers' Market (either or both, one fee allows you to sell at both markets) please contact Donald Grimmer at 250-222-0421 or penderislandmarket@gmail.com. We also welcome buskers, community groups, or the promotion of events on the island at the market.

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If there are any farmers who would like an Emergency Planning Binder, please pick one up at either the Saturday or Wednesday market from the barn behind the Hall. This binder has information to help you plan for an emergency, specific to your farm.

Barbara Johnstone

Fall Fair Update – “Back to the Future”

After a three-year absence, the Pender Island’s Fall Fair is finally happening! Saturday, August 26 will kick off with the parade (contact Jaime MacLean to register: jaime@docksiderealty.ca), followed by entertainment, a tea garden, food booths, kids games, sheep shearing, farm animal displays, scarecrow competition, farmers’ market, outdoor and indoor exhibits all entered by Pender Islanders. The trophy presentation, popular beer garden, barabeque, and live music will round out the day of celebrating our local agriculture and a myriad of talents from our community.

Sandra Tretick is our Community Group Coordinator this year. Sandra has been contacting various groups on the island to see how they would like to participate. She is asking how your group helped in the past, would you like to do it again this year, or help in another area. You can volunteer for a specific activity or time slot, help with set-up and take-down, have an information table, organize, or sponsor an activity, and/or enter the parade. This is one of the few events on the island that has something for everyone and wants all islanders to participate.

Sandra can be reached at 778-967-4992 or at penderfallfair23cgc@gmail.com.

We value our sponsors and volunteers - you can also contact Barb at 250-222-3817 or penderislandmarket@gmail.com if you can lend a hand. The catalogue will be out soon. Let’s get “Back to the Future”!

Michelle Marsden

Pender Island Ferry Advisory Committee

Construction work was completed in early June at the Otter Bay Ferry terminal to replace two of the four floating leads.

The Lands End Café at Swartz Bay has reopened and hopefully will result in improved service.

We will have more news next month about the fall BC Ferries community drop-in on Pender.

The summer sailing schedule begins on June 28 with holiday sailings on August 7 and September 4.

BC Ferries are currently revising their FAC terms of reference. Your committee is participating in this review and we are encouraged to see good communication is one of the key elements. Please continue to send us your comments and questions about our ferry service.

We can be reached through our Facebook page or by contacting us directly by email. Jane Dix at JaneonPender88@gmail.com, David Wright at summerlawns@shaw.ca and Fiona Poole at poolefiona12@gmail.com.

Fiona Poole

Pender Island Fire Rescue



Hello Pender Islands. As of June 18, PIFR members have responded to 104 emergency calls.

This past month we saw the wildfire risk go to the “high” level. We took many calls at the hall about work restrictions, what people can and can’t do, etc. I would like to help clarify a couple things for my readers. Work restrictions apply to high hazard work such as land clearing, pyrotechnics, log skidding, and hot work like grinding/welding outdoors. Residential lawn care such as mowing your lawn, weed whacking, power washing, etc are not considered high hazard work. We ask that when we are in “high” or “extreme” that work stops at 1 pm and to use common sense about the work being completed. If your grass is green and growing then go ahead and

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cut it. If it's dry, dead and dusty, maybe it can wait to be done when there is more moisture. Please visit our website www.penderfire.org for the complete list of regulations.

We are very fortunate to have such an extensive network of trails all over the islands and they can lead to some breathtaking views, but something that I believe most people never consider when using these trails is what happens if or when someone gets hurt or is unable to make it out on their own. Well PIFR every year gets calls to extricate people from these exact situations. We train utilizing our rope rescue systems regularly but, generally speaking, at some point during the course of the call we will be required to carry the patient out. The weight of the stokes basket, back board, oxygen tank, and the patient themselves can add up and it's up to our members to physically carry them to safety over uneven terrain. To aid in this, PIFR has added a new piece of equipment to assist our members, called the Terra Tamer. You may have seen this device on our social media posts but, if not, it's a titanium frame that straps to a stokes basket with a large diameter bike wheel equipped with a disk brake to help control descents. This device will greatly help our members when it comes time to extricate the patient. The old adage of work smarter not harder really shines with the Terra Tamer, so keep an eye out for us training on some of the local trails this summer.

One last note is our Fire Prevention Team will be setting up at the Saturday farmers market in July and August. Come by and say hello! We love spreading the word of fire safety and getting to talk with everyone in our community.

Captain Jon Grelik, PIFR Fire Prevention Team

Pender Island Health Care Society



Brittanny; Christine; Beverly; Tracey Adams, NP; Dr. C. Knight; Jane, Kristina Missing; Marcella and Barb



Thanksgiving is a long way off, but thankfulness is the theme of this month's article. While the Medical Clinic continues to face the same challenges as most other health-care facilities, it's good to be reminded of the positives, right here on Pender:

- Dr Knight has been providing frequent locum coverage for almost 4 years and continues to assist with partial coverage of the physician vacancy;
- Nurse Practitioner Adams has been full time at the clinic for more than 13 years; and,
- the Medical Office Assistant team in the front office is constantly adjusting to ensure smooth day-to-day functioning.

Working together, this group of health care professionals has been the backbone of the medical clinic, especially this past six months when various locum physicians have been available from time to time to cover our continued physician vacancy.

The Health Care Society recognizes the team's intense commitment to supporting Pender residents and visitors, celebrates their presence, and extends our most sincere thanks. Each member of this dedicated group has made a significant contribution to keeping the medical clinic functioning.

We are excited to welcome back

Drs Rebner and Wiens in early July from their working sabbatical in New Zealand. We look forward to hearing about their experiences, after they get a chance to reacclimate to the Northern Hemisphere. Truly we celebrate both their family's chance to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity, and the fact that they're back "home". We're also appreciative to Drs Amyree and Knight for providing locum coverage during the leave period. Thank you, all.

Lions Club Comes Through, Again!

We're also grateful for the ongoing support of community organizations like the Lions Club whose practical generosity goes back over 50 years and shows no sign of letting up. This past spring, the club funded just shy of

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\$7,000 in equipment that was on the Health Centre's wish list.

We had so much fun with the Lion's Club when they came to the Health Centre recently to do a photoshoot for their own needs featuring the various pieces of medical equipment they have donated to PIHCS over the past year. Who knew that a weigh scale, wheelchair, blood pressure cuffs, liquid nitrogen gun, and blanket warmer could be so much fun?

Each item has made a critical difference and is a testament to their dedication to enhancing the well-being of this community. Even the big box the wheelchair came in was put to good use and is now a decorated "house" for a thrilled 3-year-old.

As always, Lions, you set an example for organizations who are making a real difference to patient care and comfort. Thank you so very much!

*Marion Alksne,
Executive Director, and the
Communications Committee*

Pender Island Museum Society



New Museum Hours and Summer Student

Starting on June 30, the museum will be open from Friday to Sunday plus holiday Mondays from 10 am to 4 pm. That last week of June also sees the arrival of our summer museum assistant, Claire Kozak. It's a treat to have a local university student - and history major at Simon Fraser University - to welcome visitors and help care for the museum's collection of artifacts and archival records behind the scenes. Our thanks to Young Canada Works funding, which offsets 75% of her 10-week position.

Claire will be working from Wednesdays to Sundays each week to support our extended hours and weekend volunteers. We welcome requests from family/small groups to visit outside of regular hours. If our student or a volunteer is available, we try to accommodate tours by special appointment.

This month our article is about Elijah Pollard and his family.



Elijah Pollard

In his younger years Elijah Pollard, who was born in 1875 in Devon England, was keen for adventure. He arrived in Canada in 1894 at the age of 19 and travelled by rail with Arthur Stanford, another Englishman many years his senior, to Alexis Creek, south of Williams Lake. Here the pair purchased equipment and horses to travel to Bella Coola. During their five-week trek they lost their way, supplies ran low and unfortunately, they were forced to eat their packhorse. Once in Bella Coola, they traded their remaining horses for a canoe and travelled through open water, 133 kms to Bella Bella where they caught a steamship to Victoria.

Ready for more challenges, the pair arrived on South Pender in the autumn of 1894. Arthur purchased property from Leonard Higgs, around what is now Southlands Drive, and Elijah pre-empted land at Tilly Point. (Pre-emption was a method of acquiring provincial Crown land by claiming it for settlement and agricultural purposes.) He built a cabin and homesteaded on the property for 10 years. During his time on South Pender, Elijah was an active member of the community and was involved in the construction of roads.

A Move to North Pender

After the canal was dug in the early 1900s, and sensing more opportunity on North Pender, Elijah pre-empted 70 acres at Browning Harbour, on either side of the current Razor Point Road. Here he grew crops and raised pigs. One time, while rowing his boat to market in Sidney through choppy seas, he realized



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that his pigs were getting seasick. He stopped at Moresby Island to spend the night (and I'm sure, to give his pigs some time on dry land.)

In 1912, Elijah had a large house constructed on the waterfront at Browning Harbour. Built by Mr. Bowerman, it cost between \$600 and \$700. Most of the materials were barged in from off-island. The five-bedroom, 2000 square foot home was christened *The Maples*.

Shortly after his house was finished, in 1913, bachelor Elijah returned to England. There he met Evelyn Lillian (Lily) Robins, a teacher. Elijah and Lily corresponded for the next five years. Lily eventually travelled to Vancouver solo, and the pair were married in 1919. Lily was 26 and Elijah, 43. Interestingly, the witnesses to the marriage were two MacDonalads from Pender: Robin and Grace.

A Busy Life

Life was busy for the couple and times were hard. Lily had come from a home with running water and electricity. Although large, *The Maples* had neither. Like other families on Pender, Elijah and Lily saw opportunity and opened *The Maples* as a resort in the mid 1920s. (It remained in operation until the early 1980s.) Mrs. Pollard worked very hard to provide for her guests at *The Maples* and was known to be a very good cook. She used a lot of cream and milk because they had their own cow. Guests must have been happy; they had many repeat customers. Like many people of the time, very little was thrown away and the family still has resort guest books and operating receipts.

Elijah was a quiet man. He was a logger and put great effort into clearing and developing his farm. He also worked in road construction, eventually becoming foreman. During the summer when *The Maples* was full of guests, Elijah often spent his time in a tiny cottage in their fields.

Elijah was also active in public affairs as a school trustee. It is significant that in 1913, Elijah ran for school trustee against Jeanie Hamilton. A woman running for public office was unheard of at the time and created a flurry of



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discussion and controversy. In the book *Homesteads and Snug Harbours*, it was noted that “The Bible was quoted by both sides in support of their candidacy.” Ms. Hamilton lost.

A New Generation

In addition to running the resort and the farm, the couple had three children: Norman, Robin, and Diana.

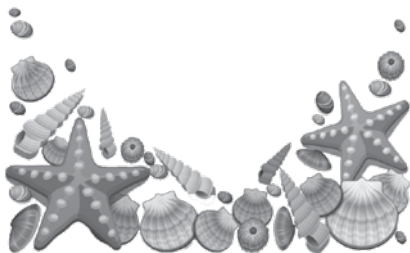
Robin is remembered as a kind, quiet man. He enlisted in the Second World War along with his friend Ross Brackett. When Robin returned, he mostly worked as a logger on Pender, Saturna, and Galiano. He also helped with the farm and ran a small sawmill. Robin built his own house nearby on property that had belonged to the Godkin family. Norman worked for the CPR which included serving on the *Princess Mary*.

After residing in Vancouver for a short time, Diana and her son Rod (just a few months old) returned to Pender in the early '50s and helped with running the resort. They lived on the property until Elijah passed away, in a cabin that Diana built by herself, then they moved into the main house.

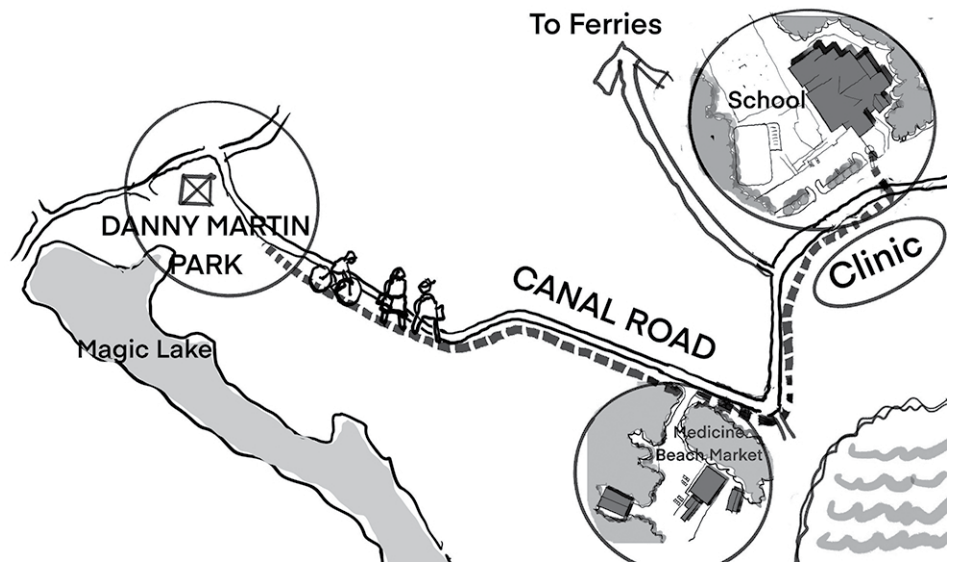
After 70 years on Pender, Elijah died in 1964 at the age of 89. Lily died in 1987 in her 94th year; after also living approximately 70 years on Pender. Upon her death, the Pollard property was divided by the three children. Diana inherited *The Maples*.

Rod left Pender after he graduated high school but returned to *The Maples* with his wife Krista in 2002. Today, *The Maples* looks much like it did 100 years ago, with the addition of a modern kitchen and bathroom. Rod and Krista's daughter also lives on the property. It is a testament to the family to see this property still owned by the descendants of Elijah and Lily Pollard.

Sandy Auchterlonie



Pender Island Parks and Recreation Commission



Schooner Way Trail

Have you heard? The Pender Island Parks and Recreation Commission (PIPRC) is leading the Schooner Way Trail Project, an initiative to build a multi-use trail from Danny Martin Ballpark to the Pender School.

What is a multi-use trail?

It is a pathway that supports human-powered transportation. This includes those who are walking, running, and rolling (e.g. scooters or skateboards), cycling, and people using mobility devices such as wheelchairs, walkers, and strollers.

Why is PIPRC doing this project?

This project was initiated by the PIPRC in response to community requests for transportation trails that advance health, safety, mobility, and environmental goals in the community. The Schooner Way Trail Project is a Pender priority, and is Pender-led and Pender-driven. This section of trail was also previously identified by Pender residents as the community's highest priority for active transportation (SGI Active Transportation Plan, 2022).

Who is involved?

The project is being led by PIPRC. We are a local, volunteer commission of the Capital Regional District. The Schooner Way Trail Project was originally initiated by Moving Around Pender (MAP) and involves both the CRD and the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MoTI).

What's the big picture?

The Schooner Way Trail Project is the first phase of a three-phase multi-use trail network. The Schooner Way Trail will eventually tie into the CRD's planned Gulf Islands Regional Trail, which will run from Otter Bay ferry to the Driftwood Centre, and from the Driftwood Centre to South Pender. These trails will enable Pender residents to travel safely and efficiently to school, work, and social activities, and to access community services, amenities, and businesses - all while reducing our carbon footprint.

When will the trail be built?

Engineering design is now 75% complete and we have shared this information with property owners along the proposed trail route. The next steps are community engagement, fundraising, and applying for infrastructure grants. If we get sufficient grant funding and community donations, we anticipate that construction could begin as early as next summer.

How can I learn more?

Keep your eyes peeled for a display in the case outside Talisman Books, running through July 8. There will also be an information session at the Driftwood Centre on July 13 from 3 - 6 pm. Questions may be directed to me at 778-677-4733.

Please send your comments to: penderparks@crd.bc.ca.

Rob Fawcett, Vice-Chair

Pender Island Pride Society



The days are ticking by as we prepare to launch Pender Pride 2023. This year, we will gather on Sunday, August 20 at the library for a short parade to the Community Hall

departing at 1 p.m. There will be lots of food and entertainment at the Hall.

Check out our new website at www.penderislandpride.com or our Facebook page for current information on events. Feel free to give John Cowan a call at 629-6075 and I will put you in touch with the right organizing person.



As we lead up to PRIDE there are some related events in July. First up will be Lavender Links, the Pender Island Pride golf tournament being held on Sunday July 23 starting at 1 pm. Gwailo Restaurant is opening up specially to serve dinner to hungry golfers, so you are encouraged to “nine and dine”. This is golf for fun, and everyone is welcome, experienced, or not. Call the pro shop in advance at 629-6659 to register.

On July 25 starting at 7 pm come to the first of two Pride film nights at the hall. The first film, aptly titled *Pride*

is an historical comedy-drama released in 2014. Realising they share common foes in Margaret Thatcher, the police and the conservative press, London-based gay and lesbian activists lend their support to striking coal miners in 1984 Wales. The cultural collision of London gay, and small-town Wales is both comedic but very touching and can teach us much today. And it's a true story. \$5 - \$10 (sliding scale).

A CBC interviewee said the other day in reference to recent anti-LGBTQ actions in Canada and the U.S. that, “In the past people were vaguely embarrassed about expressing hateful views. Now they are proud of their opinions.”

LGBTQ pride is a relatively recent thing. But it is more than just Pride. Pride honours everyone's freedom to be the individual they are.

Knowledge Network is showing the very moving film *Incorrigible: A Film About Velma Demerson*. In 1939 18-year-old Velma fell in love with Harry Yip. Three months pregnant, she appeared in a Toronto court accused of

being “incorrigible”. It was clear that if two white people found themselves in this situation, marriage was the way out. Wanting to marry Harry however was not the right thing to say to the judge, and she was sent to reform school for two years (reduced to one after her mother's intervention). Her son was born in incarceration, and she married Harry upon her release.

In her 60s Velma sought legal help for what she had been through and successfully took on the Ontario government before she died. She was a decent woman who thought this “just wasn't right” and won.

And there we all go in one way or another, speaking out for freedom and against unfairness. We forget the battles that have been won in this country. We have come a long way and despite Chicken Little's warnings the sky has not fallen.

We all should celebrate Pride this summer and invite everyone to join in.

John Cowan

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The Kids Summer Reading Club has started. Join us this summer to “Journey Through Time!” by picking up a free reading kit at the library: free stickers, bookmarks, and a reading record booklet. Visit the library this summer for reading activities to keep up those reading skills throughout the summer months. For kids ages 4-12 years.

Painting of Library Building

After more than 25 years, the library will receive a new coat of paint, featuring a new colour scheme. We wish to highlight the detailed style of the building, as designed by local architect John Roberts. Work will continue through June and July, so please be cautious near painting areas. Thank you to Nesha Stojakovic for power washing the library roof and gutters; they really shine!

BCLTA

Congratulations to our Library Chairperson Laura Vilness for accepting the position of president of the BC Library Trustee Association. The BCLTA represents library board trustees around the province, providing training and support for public library governance.

New Books

Adult Fiction

Rogue Justice (Stacey Abrams), *The Almost Widow* (Gail Anderson-Dargatz)

Adult Mystery and Sci-Fi

The Poisoner's Ring (Kelley Armstrong), *The Lock-Up* (John Banville), *The Lie Maker* (Linwood Barclay), *Killing Moon* (Jo Nesbo)

Adult Non-Fiction

Truth Telling (Michelle Good), *Ducks* (Kate Beaton), *Rescue Me* (Cathalynn Labonté-Smith)

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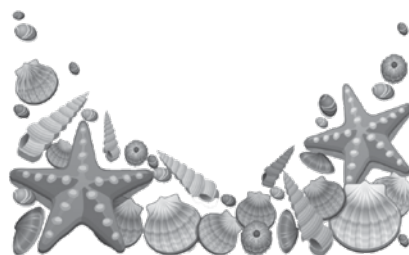
Oolichan Moon (Samantha Beynon), *When Father Comes Home* (Sarah Jung), *Nailed It!* (Lincoln Peirce), *Punk Rock Unicorn* (Dana Simpson)

We also received a massive audiobook donation.

Library Hours

Open Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 10 am - 3 pm, located at 4407 Bedwell Harbour Road. Need help with your cell phone, tablet, or laptop? Stop by, call us, or email the Library HelpDesk at 250-629-3722; libraryhelpdesk@crd.bc.ca

Carmen Oleskevich,
Library Director



Pender Island Reconciliation Circle

This month I am unable to report on our regular meeting, as it happens after the deadline for *The Pender Post*.

However, I would like to mention two events that stand out: the workshop on plant propagation with Earl Claxton Jr, which was hosted by the Pender Island Conservancy and members of the Reconcili-action group, and on National Indigenous People's Day, an evening of story, song, and flute music with Paul Chiyokten Wagner, a traditional Coast Salish storyteller and flutist. This event also was sponsored by the Pender Island Conservancy along with Ptarmigan Arts. We are so fortunate to be given opportunities such as these, in which we can learn, share, and build relationships. We are looking forward to hearing from Circle members who were able to attend.

The Reconciliation Circle does not hold regular monthly meetings over the summer, but will gather again the third Wednesday of September. To be added to our email list, or to ask for more information, please contact me at annie-smith@shaw.ca.

We acknowledge with respect and gratitude that S,DÁYES (Pender Island), the beautiful place where we live, work, and play, is the unceded, unrelinquished traditional territory of the WSÁNEĆ First Nation.

Annie Smith

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We are looking for youth staff, 15 - 30 years, who are interested in working with children and youth in camps, or supporting youth volunteers, or helping create food programs. If you know of a young person who may be interested, ask them to look at the job descriptions at <https://penderislands.org/opportunities/employment> or stop by the Hall to chat with Andrea.

Help Create Community

We are looking for people of all ages and abilities interested in helping with programs for children, teens and youth, seniors, and the community in general. Would you like to help run films, make or serve meals, support or lead an activity, assist in the office, help with events, support the community when there are storms or power outages? There is really no end of interesting opportunities at the Hall. If you are interested, call 250-629-3669 or stop by the Hall to chat with Andrea.

If you would like to make a donation to the Community Hall, we are able to accept e-transfers at accounts@penderislands.org. In the notes, include your name, address, phone number, email, and that it is a donation. Donations over \$50 will receive a tax receipt.

Films

Pride (2014)

Tuesday July 25, 7:15 pm

A historical comedy-drama. Realizing that they share common foes in Margaret Thatcher, the police, and the conservative press, London-based gay and lesbian activists lend their support to striking miners in 1984 Wales. 2 hrs, \$5 - \$10 (sliding scale).

WALL-E (2008)

July 28, 7:15 pm

WALL-E, short for Waste Allocation Load Lifter Earth-class, is the last robot left on Earth. He spends his days tidying up the planet, one piece of garbage at a time. During 700 years, WALL-E has developed a personality, and he's more than a little lonely. Then he spots EVE,

a sleek probe sent back to Earth on a scanning mission. Smitten WALL-E embarks on his greatest adventure yet when he follows EVE across the galaxy. 1 hr 38 min, \$5 - \$10 (sliding scale).

Events

Sunday Lounge for 14 -24 years

July 2, 16 and 30, 5 - 9 pm, drop-in

A space for adults 14 - 24; each week there will be a zero-proof bar, music, crafts, snacks, board games, chill zone, and space for whatever you like.

Monopoly Night

July 2

Bring your friends and family. Winner gets a prize. Hosted by Madeleine and Isabelle Muir.

Backyard Summer Dance Party

July 16

Come to an outdoor summer dance party FEAT. DJ Marc PopNstuff. Bring some friends for some evening summer fun. Snacks and drinks provided.

Bubble Tea Workshop

July 30

Learn to make this tasty bubbly drink. Supplies provided.

This is a regular joint activity between the Community Hall and SGI Neighbourhood House. If you are interested in knowing more or would like some space for your own youth activity, [email youth@sginh.ca](mailto:youth@sginh.ca).

Summer Youth Leaders

Would you like to get to know the community, build up your skills, and have a lot of fun? You can get hands-on experience and training by helping with summer camps, special events, and weekly events. Plus, enjoy social meetups, group activities, outdoor fun, skills training, and career development. July 16 we will help make the Car Boot Sale more fabulous by running a mocktail bar.

Salmon Grill and Concert: Downtown Mischief

July 15, 4:30 - 10:30

What a way to cap off the day. This event is a fundraiser for the Community Hall. Start your day at the Market, head over to the Car Show behind the Hall in Karl's glade, then stop in for dinner and a concert. Featuring Downtown

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Mischief from Victoria, opening with Maddie Glover & Friends from Pender Island.

- 4:30-11 pm Beer Garden
5-7 pm Salmon Dinner,
\$25 tickets are available
at Talisman books
7-10:30 pm Concert, \$25 tickets at
Eventbrite or at Talisman
Books

Car Boot Sale

July 16, 12 - 5ish

Come to the Community Hall for a chance to sell or search for a treasure in this unique parking lot sale. While there, boogie to the DJ's fine tunes, grab a taco, beer, or ice cream, and visit with friends and neighbours. If you would like to get a pitch to sell your treasures, call 250-629-3669 or email bookings@penderislands.org. Space fees, table rentals, and general donations will support the Community Hall.

- 12 - 4 pm Car Boot Sale
12 - 4 pm Tacos with chef Israel
from Maiiz
12 - 5ish pm Beer Garden with DJ
Marc
12 - 4 pm Kids events

To get a Car Boot 'pitch' (with a vehicle, no vehicle, or a blanket pitch for kids) go to www.penderislands.org/registrations or call 250-629-3669.

Community Gathering Lunch

Fridays, 10:45 am - 1 pm

Join the weekly Community Gathering for coffee, lunch, live music, a visit, and fun activities everyone.

Friday Fun

Every Friday come and join our youth leaders from 10:45 - 12:00 as they lead fun activities. All ages are welcome; older adults are particularly encouraged as a fun way to get to meet children and youth of the community. Activity is by donation. This month we will have:

- Outdoor Games, Hula Hoops, Sprinkler, July 7
- Garden Crafts, July 14
- Water Games, July 21
- Make Alka Seltzer Bottle Rockets, July 28

Summer Camps

Leaders in Training Camp

July 3 - 6, ages 12 to 18

Are you looking to gain experience in leadership and working with children? This camp helps you learn the skills to be prepared to become a leader. Join this fantastic group and learn to organize, run and assist with summer camp programs, ensuring everyone has a fun, engaging and active summer. \$50.

Fashion Camp

July 17 - 21, ages 10 to 18

Does your young person love fashion? If so, they'll love our fun summer youth fashion camp overseen by fashion entrepreneurs. Design. Sew. Create. \$225

Mixed Media Arts Camp

July 31 - August 4, ages 12 to 18

This camp is a full day of art-making activities for young artists. From portrait painting to comic book creating, there's something for all artsy young people. \$225

Kids Day Camp

August 7 - 11, ages 6 to 12

Endless fun for kids 6 to 12 years. Spend your summer with us as we connect with old friends and make new ones, explore our island surroundings, get creative with crafts, play fun games, and try out interesting activities. \$225

Fall Fair Camp

August 22 - 26, ages 10 to 18

The Fall Fair started in 1932 and is normally one of the biggest and most popular annual events on Pender Island. It seems like the whole community comes together to make it happen so it's a great place to learn how a big event is created and get hands-on experience in the most interesting and fun aspects. This leadership camp is a great way to build skills, have fun, and be a community hero. Ages 10 - 12 \$150, 13+ \$50.

If the cost for any camp is a challenge, please let us know. We don't want to leave anyone behind. For more information about the Summer Camps, go to www.penderislands.org registrations or call 250-629-3669 or email bookings@penderislands.org.

Film Volunteers

Are you a cinephile? We need people to help take entry donations and help clean-up after movies; if we have enough help, we even put on a popcorn stand. All training will be provided. If you are interested, please email bookings@penderislands.org or call 629-3669.

Andrea Mills & George Fowlie

Pender Island Recycling Society



The depot is open for its summer hours: Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday from 10 am to 3 pm, right through to the end of September. We now have beautiful brochures, as well as fridge magnets and business cards, with our hours and contact information if you would like one.

There is a lot that goes on behind the scenes at the depot and there are many wonderful and skilled Penderites who help PIRS when needed. Karl Hamson and George Hudson recently installed a new metal truck deck to facilitate the easy unloading of soil and gravel. We can't thank them enough for undertaking this custom work.

One recent Tuesday, the forklift started smoking and refused to continue. The recyclables piled up quickly but luckily Ron Henshaw and Chris Vernon offered assistance and the forklift was up and running quickly.

Our scrap metal sign, painted on an old fridge door, fell into a state of disrepair. Peter Hodgson of Island Graphics made a new sign for us, and suggested it be printed on a sticker that could be placed on an old fridge door. Peter knows the depot well and his thoughtful idea for reuse was most welcome.

Thank you to our very generous community for your donations of refundables - they are an important source of funding for the depot. At this time of the year, remember that it is especially important to rinse beverage containers because leftover pop and juice attract wasps.

Thank you also for renewing your memberships. Membership in the

recycling society is voluntary and is a tax-deductible donation. Your donations allow us to go above and beyond in our efforts to reduce waste and encourage reuse. Our Freestore and Reshop, bike shop, dish loan, non-program plastic recycling, and zero waste initiative all rely on these donations to keep running. If you would like to renew, you can send an e-transfer to penderislandrecycling@gmail.com and include your mailing address so that we can send a tax receipt. Or visit www.penderislandrecycling.com and click on the orange Renew Membership button on the top right of the page. Membership is \$20/year.

We are pleased that the dish loan program is running again and thankful to the CRD for financial support. This very popular service allows us to rent plates, bowls, cutlery, cups, glasses, and cloth napkins, all by donation. It reduces waste at your celebratory functions and adds an eclectic touch to these events. If you are interested, ask a staff member the next time you are at the depot.

We are always striving to make improvements and appreciate your feedback. You can pass suggestions

and comments on to any of the depot staff or you can reach us at penderislandrecycling@gmail.com.

Niki Roberts

Pender Island Seed Library

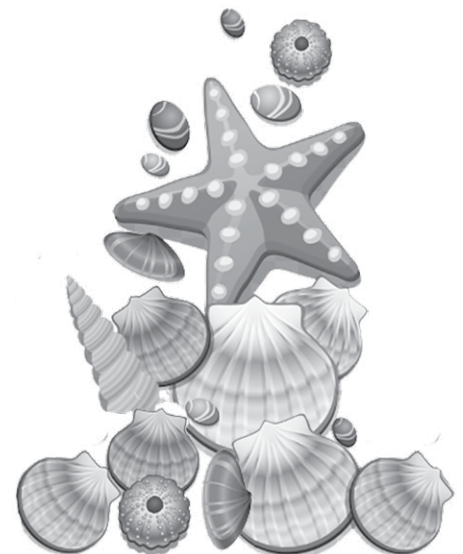
The Pender Seed Library is located inside the Pender Public Library in the back of the children's section inside a little door. You will find small packages of seeds, information on seed saving, and at the bottom, a narrow box where you can put your "return" seeds. In this case "return" means seeds you have saved yourself and want to give back to the seed library. Thank you to everyone who brought seeds into our Seedy Saturday event.

The best seeds to save and share are lettuce, tomato, peppers, peas, beans, and grains. Seeds from these plants stay true to the parent plant because they are pollinated inside the flower before it opens. These plants are referred to as self-pollinated annuals. Other plants are pollinated after the flower opens by insects, wind (and sometimes birds)

and will get cross pollinated by different varieties of the same species (such as chard and beets, both *beta vulgaris*). When cross pollinated, seeds may grow into something quite different from the parent plant. Brassica oleracea plants are especially good at this. There is so much diversity in this species from broccoli to kale, to mustards and cauliflower and many others in between; you just don't know what you are going to get from cross-pollinated seeds.

July and August is the time to plant for your winter garden. The plants must be well on their way before cold weather hits. Plant lettuce, beets, cabbage, kale, arugula, carrots, rutabaga, leeks, brussel sprouts, sprouting broccoli, onions, and more. These plants will provide you with food from the garden through the winter and early spring. They may stop growing for a while but will start up again when the weather is favourable. Happy summer,

Karin Campbell



PenderPOD



Mark your calendars and plan to join PICA (Pender Islands Conservancy

Association) and POD (Pender Ocean Defenders) at Thieves Bay on Friday, July 14 to celebrate World Orca Day. Enjoy family fun, activities, and music at the break wall between 1 and 4 pm. While you are there, take in the artistic Orca tile display created by islanders both young and old promoting land-based whale watching. Who knows, there might even be some special marine guests who come by.

And if you can't wait until mid-July to celebrate everything Orca, you can come to the PICA Nature Centre at Hope Bay on Sunday July 2 at 1:30 to enjoy some family friendly Orca focused activities co-sponsored by Parks Canada. And while you are there, take in the 73 Orca flag display created by Pender youth and adults commemorating the Orcas in J, K and L Pods who have died since 2002 and reflect on the importance of protecting the 73 remaining endangered Southern Resident Orcas.

Also check out PICA's Orca display which provides important information for protecting the Southern Residents. You can have your photo taken beside a life-size picture of L87 Onyx's dorsal fin. A special thanks to the Department of Fisheries and Ocean (DFO) Whale Protection Unit for loaning the banners for the Orca display.

Watch for our new brochure coming out in time for World Orca Day, which provides information on who we are and what we do and includes a QR code for quick access to our website at <https://www.penderpod.ca>.

The good news is the Southern Residents are back home in the Salish Sea. They were first detected acoustically on May 31, which triggered a June 3 salmon fisheries closure in some areas of the Southern Gulf Islands required by DFO. The recreation and commercial salmon fishing closure protects the food supply for this endangered population of Southern Residents who rely on the salmon, especially Chinook, for their survival.



Another protective measure now in effect is activation of the two Interim Sanctuary Zones off East Point on Saturna and along the west shore of North Pender between Peter Cove and Thieves Bay. These zones exclude boat traffic in high-intensity feeding areas. The Interim Sanctuary Zones and the salmon fishery closure are in effect until November 30.

Many Islanders contributed to the fundraising effort through the Saturna Island Marine Research and Education Society (SIMRES) in 2021-2 to purchase five long-range cameras and six range finders to document whale behaviour by citizen scientists with the Southern Gulf Islands Whale Sighting Network. Kathleen Durant, a Pender coordinator with the Sighting Network, pointed out that since the new equipment rollout in

May, the Sighting Network has identified three new humpbacks and documented three interim sanctuary zone violations.


Kathleen reported on the spectacular display of continuous breaching behaviour on June 5 as the Southern Residents made the 25 km transit from East Point on Saturna through Boundary Pass and around Turn Point into Haro Strait. She took video footage documenting this behaviour from South Pender including seven breaches from individual whales in under 45 seconds of video footage.

Although the reasons for Orca breaching behaviour is not well understood from a scientific perspective, it would be good to think that a bountiful feeding of Chinook salmon preceded that amount of energy expenditure.

Paul Petrie

Royal Canadian Legion

Branch 239

Legion  We are very thankful for all the volunteers who dedicate their time and expertise to keep our Legion vibrant and operating. It is a pleasure to welcome our veterans, members, community, and visitors to our Legion, all made possible by our volunteers.

At the end of this year I will be retiring as Legion President. It has been a rewarding five years on the Legion Executive, and I am proud of all we have achieved. 2023 is an election year for Legion Executives. All officer positions are required to be filled to avoid our closure. I'm sure all who enjoy dinners, meat draws, Remembrance Day, and other events don't want to see a closure. We will need to vote in a president, past president, vice-president (Lisa Christensen has consented to be nominated and continue her excellent service as vice-president - thank you Lisa), secretary, and treasurer. Ideally, a further five executives will be voted in to assist with operating the Legion, making decisions, scheduling volunteers, events, publicity, hall rental bookings, etc. Please contact us if you are interested in supporting your Legion in any of these positions or as a regular, or occasional, volunteer. Thank you.

The Legion will be celebrating Canada Day on July 1. There will be entertainment, free cake, and a short speech to celebrate our being Canadian at the Driftwood. There will also be games and hot dogs for the kids at Hope Bay Bible Camp, and a fun Meat Draw and delicious BBQ Steak Dinner at the Legion. A good day to be had by all!

Our Friday night BBQ dinners are July 7 and 21. We will also be serving BBQ hotdogs at the Pender Highlanders Pipe Band car show on July 15, and BBQ burgers and hotdogs at Art off the Fence on July 15 and 16.

Meat draws continue every Saturday at 4 pm. General meetings and Bingo will take a break for the summer and return in September.

Bob Rose has very kindly donated Fran Rose's keyboard to the Legion. We

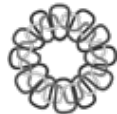
are giving away the old Starck upright player piano made by P.A. Starck Piano Co. Please contact us to make it yours.

Please see our website for updates on events and activities, www.penderislandrc1239.com.

Thanks for continuing to support your Legion.

Jean Deschenes

SGI Community Resource Centre



With the arrival of July, we bid farewell to the gentle embrace of spring and welcome the radiant warmth of summer. As the days lengthen and the sun graces us with its golden rays, there is a palpable sense of excitement and possibility in the air. July invites us to shed our winter layers, step outside, and immerse ourselves in the beauty and abundance of the season.

Visitor Experience Survey

The Southern Gulf Islands is hosting a survey to allow your voices to be heard regarding the future of the islands in terms of visitors and economy.

As a valued visitor or local resident, your input will provide essential insights into the effects and opportunities of the visitor economy on the region's natural environment, local economy, cultural heritage, and social fabric. Your responses will contribute significantly to better understanding the impacts, insights, potential opportunities, and strategies, between the needs of the environment, the local communities, and the visitor economy.

Check out the survey at <https://www.sgicomcommunityresources.ca/visitor-survey>.

Employment Services

WorkBC services are available to all unemployed or precariously employed B.C. citizens legally eligible to work in B.C. Work with a client advisor to develop an action plan and explore the latest in job search skills. If needed, explore Wage Subsidy or Occupational Skills Training with your advisor. There is no EI attachment required for these services. Self Employment service

requires an EI eligibility attachment at some point in the previous five years. Residents of the Southern Gulf Islands can register online by going to apply.workbc.ca (choose Sidney as your location). Contact us for registration support.

Housing NOW

Helping our communities

Could you use some extra help around your home or property? Do you have an unused bedroom or suite you'd be open to sharing? The Housing NOW Homeshare Registry is looking for hosts. Let us connect you to the guest you've been searching for... today! www.linktr.ee/sgihousing

The Vitality Business Centre Program of the SGICRC is a resource centre for local businesses and organizations. Its purpose is to foster, promote, and support regenerative local economic initiatives and to create a solid foundation with priorities for a resilient local economy by helping businesses flourish. Its physical and online presence will help the SGICRC build a community economy that "fits" the Southern Gulf Islands.

Check out www.sgicomcommunityresources.ca for our updates on the Southern Gulf Islands Community Resource Centre and don't forget to explore the Business Survey Report while you are there.

As July unfolds before us, let us embrace the warmth, the opportunities, and the collective spirit of our community.

Stef Lowey



Paul Brent
Electoral Area Director
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SGI Neighbourhood House

Youth Summer Programs

Comic Art Class



Join us at the Pender Island Community Hall on July 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31 from 5:00 to 9:00 pm. Immerse yourself in the world of comics as you learn to craft captivating visual narratives and develop compelling characters. Open to ages 12 and up, all skill levels. A suggested donation of \$20 is appreciated. Register now at <https://forms.gle/yMXgSCzheYJDkqTs8>.

SGI Magazine Entry Call

Are you an up-and-coming artist aged 15-30? Submit your work for a chance to be featured in a printed publication celebrating the talents of independent creatives in art, photography, music, literature, and more. Deadline for submissions is July 25. For more information or to volunteer for the magazine publication, contact Maddi-youthnh@sginh.ca.

Photography & Design Club

The Photography & Design Club is the perfect space for young individuals interested in creative careers. Hosted at the Hope Bay Gallery on July 5, 19, August 2, and 16, this club offers a supportive environment for artistic growth. Sponsored by Ptarmigan. For more information and registration, contact Maddi-youthnh@sginh.ca or visit <https://forms.gle/w4xNmp67A3pUpmWw8>.

Summer Kids Camps

Don't forget to register your kids for one or all three camps happening this summer: *Art Meets Science*, *Backcountry Camp* or *Build a Zoo*. Information and registration can be found on our website www.sginh.ca or call (604) 629-3665. The SGINH can help with sponsorship money and financial support for families who are low income. Please send an email to epicentre@sginh.ca.

Pender Island Computer Savvy Seniors

Do you need help organizing files, saving and printing emails, working with PDFs, installing apps, backing up information, password protection, social media platforms, or online banking setup? If this would be useful, please let us know by contacting us at fiftyfiveplus@sginh.ca or call 250-629-3665.

The Southern Gulf Island Community Justice Program (SGI CJP)

We are thrilled to announce that the SGI Community Justice Program has received a grant from the Civil Forfeiture Program of the BC Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General, distributed by the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Branch. These funds will enable us to proceed with our year-long project: *Calming Community Conflict in the Southern Gulf Islands*.

This project will involve Galiano, Mayne, Pender, and Saturna Islands. Over the next year, we will:

- Survey and ascertain topics of relevance to each of the islands.
- Host Peace Circles on each island focusing on a locally identified, potentially polarizing topic to demonstrate the effectiveness of the process.
- Offer an introductory training program, including support and mentoring. We will also be continuing our Restorative Justice program, a community-based alternative to the criminal justice system. To find out more about our program or to join us in our training and work, please check out our webpage, <https://sginh.ca/programs/cjp>, or contact us at cjp@sginh.ca.

Thank you,
Michael Cowan,
Managing Director

RECREATION AND LEISURE

Pender Island Golf Club

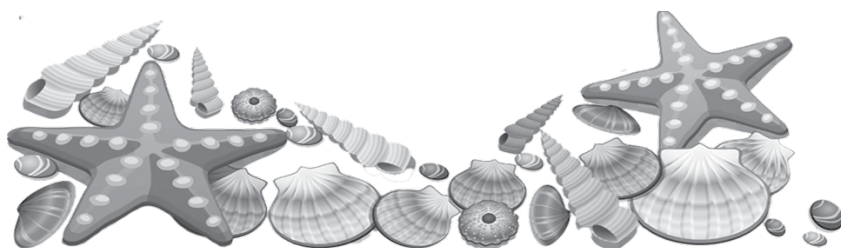


Thanks to our Social Committee, Dana and Bruce McConchie, an extremely successful Club Social was held on May 28. Members were invited to "bring a friend or neighbour" to play in a scramble format, 9-hole competition, resulting in 12 guests and one new member attending. All nine tee boxes were full for the shotgun start on a beautiful warm, sunny day. There was lots of fun and laughter as foursomes attempted to answer a golf quiz. "Golf was invented in Scotland. What is the farthest point from Scotland where golf was played?" You would be correct if you answered "the Moon". The teams also hoped they would roll the dice on the green that would subtract a six from their score, not add a six to their score. Prizes were awarded during the "Appy" hour, where a wide variety of appetisers were provided by members and the Club beverage cart was available for purchase. Mark your calendars: the next social event will be held on Sunday, July 9 at 3 pm.

The Mixed Clark Tournament was held on May 30 and was an 18-hole, alternate shot format. It is the one tournament where spouses/partners may play together. Anyone who didn't have a partner could sign up under the "Need Man" column or the "Need Woman" column (always good for a chuckle...). The winners in this year's Mixed Clark Tournament were Michelle Galaugher and Danny Martin. The runners-up were Barb MacPherson and Jim McKay. Congratulations to Michelle and Danny and Barb and Jim.

Members should start looking for a partner early for the upcoming Roddick Mixed Tournament on July 20 when golfing with your spouse or partner is not permitted.

At this writing, the Ladies' Bertha Matthews Match Play Tournament is in progress. The Men's Evans Grimmer Tournament is nearing completion, having set a two-week deadline for matches to be played. The Men's Corbett-Bowerman Club Championship started on Tuesday, June 13.



June 9 and 10 saw the return of the Don Cameron Wide, Wide Open Tournament, with 42 golfers on Saturday, half of whom arrived the day before for a fun 18-hole practice round. Even though it rained pretty heavily on Saturday, the tournament was still a success. This was the group's 51st year returning to play at the Pender Island Golf Club. A vote of confidence indeed.

The Ladies' and Men's Groups, held on Tuesday and Thursdays, continue to be well supported. The course is in great shape and the daisies are just about gone. White balls can now be used without fear of losing them.

Twelve junior golfers have started their Monday afternoon lessons with Dana McConchie and this number is expected to swell during the summer months.

Thank you to our course superintendent and his trusty gang of Monday Volunteers who do such a great job of course maintenance. And to the ladies who provide much-appreciated cookies for their coffee break.

Time to visit the Pender Island Golf Club website and book those tee times; alternatively, you can call the Club at 250-629-6659.

July Tournaments

Ladies' Corbett-Martin Club
Championship (Round 1) - 18 holes
Tuesday, July 4, 9 am

Ladies' Corbett-Martin Club
Championship (Round 2) - 18 holes
Thurs. July 6, 2 pm

Ladies' Corbett-Martin Club
Championship (Round 3) - 18 holes
Tuesday July 11, 9 am

Mixed Fun Night and Dinner - 9 holes
Sunday July 9, 3 pm

Roddick Cup Mixed Tournament - 18 holes
Thursday July 20, 9 am. Lunch to follow.

Pender Pride Tournament - 9 holes
Sunday July 23, 2 pm - and dinner.
Registration 1 pm

Please call the Club to pre-register.

I'll shoot my age if I have to live to be 105. Bob Hope

Margaret Shapiro, Director & Secretary

Pender Island Junior Sailing Association



PIJSA will have two instructors for four weeks of courses this summer and another instructor for the last two weeks, which will allow for more Cansail Level 1 and 2 students in those weeks. At the time of writing, some of our courses are full, but there are still spaces available. A few students will cancel their course, so the wait list should be considered if necessary. PIJSA will have five-day CanSail Level 1 and 2 courses the weeks of July 10-24, July 24-28, July 31-Aug. 4 and Aug. 14-18. Students need to be at least 9 years old at the start of the course and be able to swim with the aid of a PFD. Students must complete a capsizing practice on day two in order to remain in the course. They will be in the water.

CanSail level 3 and 4 courses, (5 days M-F) will be offered for the weeks of July 31-Aug. 4; Aug. 14-18. Students must be 12 years of age and have completed most of CanSail Level 2.

Adults may register for all the courses, but should be aware that some agility is required in small dinghies. Students can register for courses even if they already have the Level if they want extra sailing time. The cost of all courses is \$225.

Registration and payment are by the Checkclick online system found on the PIJSA web site penderislandjuniorsailing.com. PIJSA refund policy is that cancellation refunds prior to the course will only be offered if another student can be found. Refunds will be about \$30 less because of external fees that are not refunded. No refunds are offered once each course has started.

Courses are Monday to Friday, 9 am to about 3:30 pm with a lunch break. PIJSA provides a barbeque lunch on Friday to which family members etc. are invited. The Level 1 and 2 courses use Pirate class boats with 3 students per boat, or 2 adult students per boat with up to 18 students/course. The Level 3 and 4 courses use single-handed Laser 1s and Bytes, and the 2-person Laser 2s with up to 10 students/course. The boats sail from Hamilton Beach, Browning Harbour. It will be busy. Parent volunteers will be appreciated.

PIJSA receives financial support from Pender Island Yacht Club, CRD Parks and Recreation, and the Tru Value Spirit Board (#21). Port Browning Marina and Pub provides the land for our site and sponsors the annual Hackers Golf Tournament in September, which is a major fund-raising event. The Legion has sponsored training of one of our current instructors and a current "in-training" instructor.

Bruce Waygood, Commodore

Pender Island Otters Swim Club



I can't believe as I write this that we are already halfway through June, and heading into the second half of our summer swim programs. For anyone out there who is still interested in joining us, we do have room for more swimmers for July and August. We will be running Tuesday and Friday practices, with Otter Pups only on Fridays. All other groups will have the opportunity to get two practices in a week if they so choose. Our Tuesday hours are 11 am to 1 pm, so only a two-hour time slot, compared to 11 am to 2 pm for Fridays. We do have our three lanes in the big pool, so should be fine to fit everyone in. On the swim meet front, we have several more meets coming up in the next few weeks. They are the Nanaimo White Rapids meet on June 30 to July 2 at the Bowen Park Outdoor Pool; Campbell River Salmon Kings meet at the Campbell River Outdoor Pool on July 8/9; the Oak Bay Orcas meet on July 15/16 at Commonwealth Pool, Victoria; and the Salt Spring Stingrays meet at the Rainbow Road Pool on Salt Spring Island on July 22/23. So, there are several meets again down our end of the island for our swimmers to attend if they aren't able to head up island to the other meets. If you are interested in joining us for the rest of the summer, please go to our webpage at www.penderislandotters.webs.com and follow the link to late summer registration. To be able to attend meets for the rest of the summer, swimmers must complete registration before July 14, when our region's deadline is up. For any other questions, feel free to contact us at penderottersswimclub@gmail.com. Hope to see more folks in the water for the rest of the summer

Helen Lemon-Moore, President



The Pender Pirates had a very successful season in 2023. The mixture of first and second year players managed seven victories and one tie, and are now involved in the Victoria city championship with the task of winning five games in eight days. First game provided a victory. The kids practised hard throughout the year, starting in the school gym in January and coming to the park several times a week since March. Well done.

Congratulations to Kullen, Rocco, and Omri for being selected to Victoria summer ball Rep teams.

And now the many sincere thanks.

Gary Goodman is our host DJ on the dugout roof who provides music, dance-alongs, and great wit and humour for the fans. He makes it a fun day for the players on the field and makes them feel special. Indispensable for our Pender community Saturday baseball games.

Special thanks to our fans who come out in huge numbers to support the kids, the concession, and the very generous donations to our 50-50 draws. You guys have been great.

Thank you to the Pender Legion for your large donation to the baseball program. Tru Value is so helpful with the spirit board and providing the supplies for our concession.

Unbelievable that Sandor swam from Hope Bay to Saturna to raise money for the kids. What a guy.

Ken Pelley and Shane Greenall gave up their Saturday mornings all year to run our barbecue and keep up with the

immense demand for grilled items. Their chief motivation was to enable the parents to be free from duties so they could watch their kids play.

Toby Watson kept our diamond in shape through the winter months then volunteered to provide superb umpiring for every home game.

Thanks to the former players for returning to our practices to help coach the kids. Max, Noah, Gracie, Sophie, Scout, Daman, Harlan, and Marley.

Congratulations to former players: Max, Noah, and Mariaka who continue to play in Victoria leagues. To Heidi and Kimberly who play for a strong Saltspring girls team. To Harlan who plays for the Victoria bantam Eagles. And to Ben who plays for the Victoria Junior Mariners. To Spencer Gordon who plays for the Okotoks bantam Dawgs.

Coach Gracie has been selected to try out for the BC summer girls all-star team.

And another interesting note: the female athlete of the year at the Saltspring high

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school was Marley, and Shinta won the male athlete of the year. Amazing accomplishment for these kids.

Thanks to our O Canada performers, Gracie and Sophie and Gary and Brent Marsden.

Behind the scenes, none of this operates without the contributions of Angie Grey with running of the financials and Gail Jamieson who deals with park and CRD matters. Gail has been doing this since 1992.

Special thanks to Kevin Marsden for park maintenance during the season. On game day Kevin arrives at 7 am with his loyal crew of Sophie and Marley to prep the field for play. Just make sure someone brings him an apple fritter.

We get an amazing deal from Reg in Sidney who supplies his water taxi to get the kids home after midweek evening games. Couldn't do it without him.

Coaches Kevin Marsden and Craig Fehr have given so freely of their time to keep the program operating. The games and practices receive their full involvement and commitment.

Finally, a heartfelt thanks to Team Mom Ruthie Fehr who organizes everything and keeps everyone up to date and informed. And reminds the coach of all the things he is forgetting. Priceless.

Thank you team parents. So willing to volunteer for any duties, navigate your children in many directions including ferry trips, and for presenting such nice kids to Kevin and me to coach and be a part of their lives. We are blessed and are so lucky.

Danny Martin

COVER STORY

This month's cover photo is of a Cockerell's doris, or *Limacia cockerelli* to be more specific. This is a relatively rare nudibranch sighting and the only one I have come across in the waters surrounding Pender Island. Nudibranchs are often referred to as the "butterflies of the sea." Their colours, shapes, and forms can be striking. There are a few nudibranchs of this orange and white colour to be found in the Salish Sea but this is one of the smallest – approximately 20 mm.

Some nudibranchs (sea slugs with external gills) tend to take on the colours of their prey, as well as the protection that prey provides. I found this little sea slug feeding on an orange encrusting bryozoan *Hincksina velation*, when I turned over some leaf kelp in the upper subtidal zone of Peter Cove.

Taking photos while snorkelling and shallow free diving takes patience, a good eye, a really good wetsuit, a good underwater camera, a tolerance for cold water and a curious mind. Every day in the water is a good day when one is looking for the unknown, finding the unexpected and trying to understand the habits of creatures as small as 4 mm. I've identified and documented over 50 species of sea slugs in the waters around S,DÁYES, as well as hundreds of marine invertebrates and vertebrates. Is finding a beautiful nudibranch as exciting as having a baby seal mistake you for its mother? Probably not, but part



of my intention is to add to the Pender Biodiversity Project on *inaturalist.ca*, to help researchers and others get a sense of what's in our waters and (most importantly) what could be lost. The sea, especially, below the intertidal zone, is a mystery for most and it is much easier to harm what we don't see or understand. Hopefully, seeing a beautiful photo of an animal that is invisible to most, will pique people's curiosity, and emphasize the importance of preserving and protecting our marine environment.

*Karolle Wall,
photographer and snorkeller*



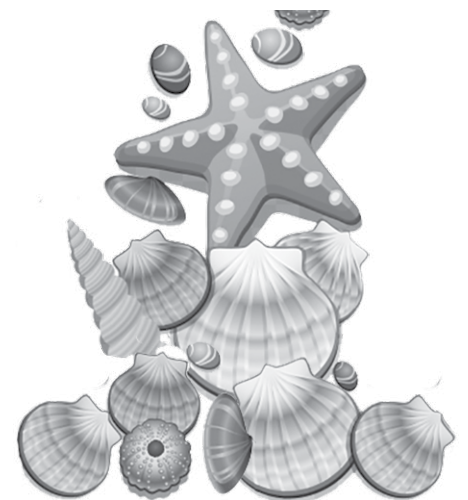
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	Average Temperatures			Extreme Temperatures		Precipitation		
	Max	Min	Mean	High	Low	Rain	Snow	Total
Magic Lake	22.3	10.6	16.4	32.5 on 15 th	7.5 on 6 th and 9 th	13.6		13.6
Normal	18.2	8.4	13.3	32.5 in 2023	-2.0 in 2002	38.3		38.3

Is May the last month of spring or the first month of summer? I prefer to think of it as the latter, but this May was some of both. Every month this year the precipitation has been less than average. 13.6 mm was one of the lowest for May, but it was not a record. The record low is 1.8 mm in 2018. On May 2 and 3 the maximum temperature was a very pleasant 24°C, but on May 4, the maximum temperature was only 11°C, so we were not sure if it was still spring or the start of summer. However, the water temperature in the lake was 17.5°C which was very encouraging for a swim pretty soon, and the bees were back, including the Mason Bees. The violet green swallows have not been around very much and I don't know if this is the case all over Pender this year or if they are just avoiding my backyard. There seem to be fewer insects this year and that is not good news for the swallows.

Our first really warm day was May 12 when the maximum temperature was 27°C and the lake water temperature was 19.5°C so I had my first swim of the year; it was very refreshing. On May 14 the maximum temperature was 31.5°C which was the highest I had ever recorded for May. On the next day the maximum temperature was a record 32.5 °C and the lake water was up to 22.5°C. After that the maximum daily

temperature was very pleasant, but not particularly high.

It is a bit late to give any advice about tent caterpillars but there are more this year than I have seen for several years, not only in the nests but all over the place. They really like the apple trees, and the alder trees are always popular with the caterpillars. I spray the nests with cooking oil. This is good for short or long range action. If you have a good instrument, like a toy water gun, it kills the caterpillars and does no harm to the tree, and it avoids cutting off any branches.

Because of the usual warm dry weather and the likelihood of grass or forest fires, July is usually the first month of prohibition of any fires. This is what we call the fire season. But this year, before the end of May, the BC government put an early ban on all outdoor fires. We must all be very careful and vigilant and where necessary we must assist visitors on the island to be aware of the danger and the regulations. On average, July has our highest daily maximum temperature, slightly ahead of August.

Environment Canada defines a heat wave as a period with more than three consecutive days of maximum temperatures at or above 32°C. The only months when our temperature reaches 32° C are June, July and August

and very occasionally in September. It is rare for us to have three consecutive days at or in excess of 32°C. It has only happened twice in the last four years on Pender Island. It happened once in June 2021 and once in July 2022 and not at all in 2019 or 2020,

July, on average, is our driest month. We had zero precipitation in 2013 and 2021. There have been three other years when July rainfall was less than 3 mm. There has been no trend over the years showing an increase or decrease in July rainfall. Our wettest July was in 1993 which was the only year when July precipitation exceeded 50 mm.

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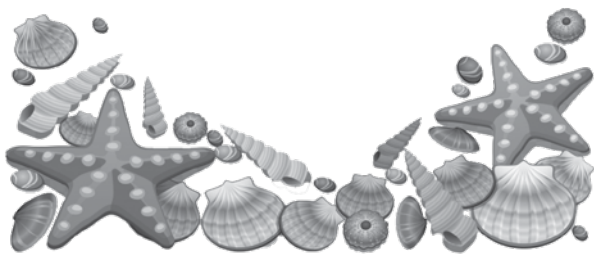
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NUMBERS PUZZLE MCA #32 BY MALCOLM ARMSTRONG

Sandi and I both found this puzzle to be quite difficult. There were a couple of times when I had to decide between two options, where to go next. In this situation you can choose one option and do it in pencil until it either works out OK, or it comes to a wrong situation and you have to try something else. To solve the puzzle you must put in a number 1 – 9 in each of the small empty squares, but no more than one of each number 1 – 9 in each line, each vertical column and each block of nine small squares.

There is more than one correct solution, but you will know if yours is correct if you follow the rules as stated above.

Malcolm Armstrong



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The original Pender Posts always started with a short description of how the month in which it was appearing got its name. The quote from July contains these ominous words. "July brings in the note of sadness with its hot and dusty pomp. Its full garlands and opulent blooms, summer is tiding inexorably to its end. The year is already half done." Notwithstanding the ominous note, July went ahead with picnics, ceremonies, and parties.

A children's picnic was held at Dr. Howes's place with raffle tickets available to win a half a lamb or six prizes of car wax. The Hall Committee held its "far-famed rummage sale, usable rummage only please." For the meagre price of \$2.50 the Pender Island cookbook was finally ready to

be purchased. Apparently this book was supposed to be ready for Christmas but the committee never specified which year, so it was both late and on time. The Pender Island School held its awards celebration and it was interesting to see the names of those who still live on Pender in among the other names of pioneer families. Don't worry, I won't name you. Of note is the fact that the Lions Club received its charter on June 15, 1973 and had 27 members.

Nep Grimmer's recollections continued with his memories of time spent at the Ontario Agricultural College. Apparently, one Halloween a heavy farm wagon was found straddling the roof of a small barn. The only way up there would have been to disassemble

it and rebuild it on the roof. After threats from the teaching staff, it was found next morning reassembled on the ground. Nep stated that nowadays, 1973, it would have needed a helicopter to accomplish this feat. I really enjoy reading these old issues and I hope you enjoy reading about them.

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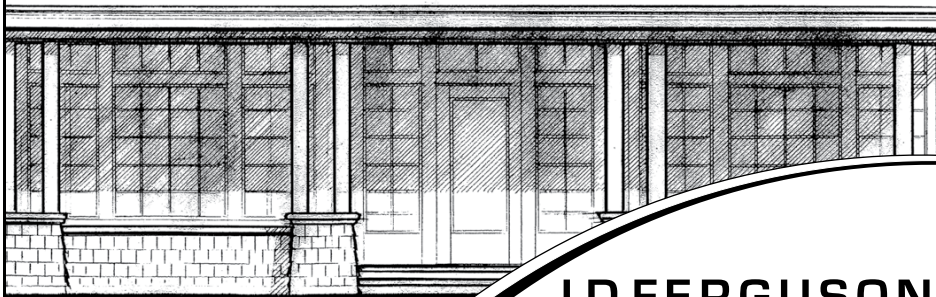
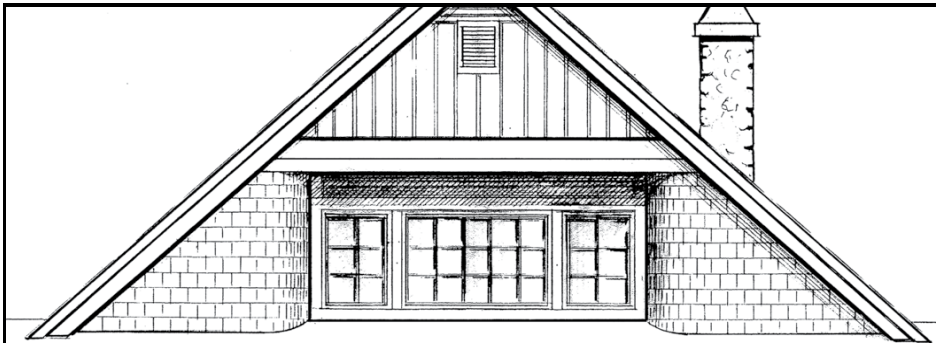


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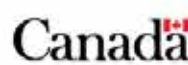
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